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Thatcher predicts lower inflation in era of renewal

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The Prime Minister yesterday boasted of the Government's "colossal programme of public expenditure", and said that the Chancellor of the Exchequer's *economic* statement today would forshadow further high investment in buildings, plant and machinery.

At the Lord Mayor of London's banquet in Guildhall, Mrs Margaret Thatcher spoke of a process of renewal which, she said, was spreading through-*out the country.*

For once in an important speech she said nothing about public expenditure restraint or of the importance of leaving room for private sector investment, which she also praised.

She spoke confidently about the economy. Mr Nigel Lawson's *statement would "confirm* the prospect for lower inflation and for continued growth of output," she said. We were now in our fifth successive year of *growth, and he looked forward* to a sixth.

Mrs. Thatcher spoke also about crime, saying that in a democracy nothing justified a resort to violence. She appeared anxious to establish that, where public expenditure could help, she and her ministers were *providing* the means.

"There are areas of real deprivation in our great cities. Where money can help we are spending on housing and reclaiming derelict land; we are supporting local enterprise; we are helping employment through these special measures; we are doing more to train young people.

The Guildhall speech by tradition deals with foreign affairs and Mrs Thatcher's third theme was East-West relations.

Mrs Margaret Tebbit, who was *badly injured* in the Brighton bombing, was applauded warmly when she arrived at the Lord Mayor's banquet last night.

***Mrs Tebbit,* who was extensively paralysed in the blast, was making her first big public appearance since attending Wimbledon in June. She *smiled from* her wheelchair, pushed by Mr Norman Tebbit, her husband, and scores of guests rose to their feet as she *came in to meet the new Lord* Mayor, Alderman Sir Allan Davis.**

She warned the Lord Mayor and the assembled company not to have unrealistic expectations about the forthcoming summit meeting between President Reagan and Mr Gorbachev. The West needed to be convinced by Soviet actions beyond their own boundaries, she said.

The Prime Minister, following a more recent tradition, refused to predict any improvement in the employment picture. Instead, she said that City forecasters were predicting a continued growth in new jobs. This was what the Government wanted most of all.

As *for public investment*, Mrs Thatcher said: "You have only to travel to see it – 180 miles of new trunk roads being built; railways being electrified; Tube stations vastly improved; new power stations; £900m next year to improve the water supply; hospitals – 51 major *projects under construction.*

"This is a colossal programme, and that is just the public sector, but it has been outpaced, and rightly so, by the sheer weight of investment in the private sector, in factories, in shops, in offices, in telecommunications, in new homes, *and much more besides.*"

The single most exciting prospect was the Channel fixed link, she said.

But Mr Roy Hattersley, *deputy leader of the Labour* Party, was disparaging about the speech before the banquet had begun. He said: "The lady protests too much. She clearly fears that the economic chickens are coming home to roost, and therefore makes preposterous claims in the hope *that someone will believe her.*

"She boasts about economic growth. Under the six years of this government the economy has grown by just 1.3 per cent per year, the worst record in modern history."

Mrs Thatcher said the fabric of society was always under *challenge. People were entitled* to look to a Government for defence against those who had

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Warm applause for a smiling Mrs Tebbit as she arrives in a wheelchair for the Lord Mayor's banquet with her husband. Photograph John Voos

Directors oust Beecham chairman

By Cliff Feltham

Sir Ronald Halstead, chairman of the Beecham Group, was ousted in a boardroom coup yesterday as the company announced disappointing profits. A stunned City immediately wiped £280 million off the value of its shares, which tumbled 33p to 293p.

Sir Ronald, who was also chief executive, will probably receive nearly £600,000 in *compensation for the loss of the* two posts which he has held only since July.

Sir Ronald had worked for Beecham for more than 30 years. He had three years of his £187,000-a-year contract still to run.

Sir Ronald's sudden resignation came after some grumbling in the City about the group's recent performance. But the pressure to see him go finally came from Beecham's three non-executive directors.

The most senior, Lord Keith of Castleacre, the merchant banker, who takes over as *chairman until* a successor is found, said the company needed "a younger and more dynamica management and this dynamism should start at the top".

In a public admission of failure rare for the City, Lord Keith said that Beecham had grown complacent and failed to seize opportunities. "When things went against us we blamed external circumstances such as bad luck."

Lord Keith said Beecham had not come out of the past three years with a great deal of credit and shareholders were entitled to better results.

Sir Ronald's service contract would need to be discussed with legal advisers. "It is a contract and when it is severed there is a price and that has to be negotiated". Lord Keith added.

Beecham brought forward the announcement of its half-year results. These showed pretax profits slightly ahead at £148.8 million, indicating an almost unchanged total for the year of about £306 million.

Sir Ronald, aged 59, joined Beecham as a chemist in 1954 and was recognized as a dedicated company man with immense energy which he attributed to "a glass of Lucozade a day"

The chief executive's job at Beecham is being filled by Mr John Robb, aged 49.

Lloyd's chief resigns

● Mr Ian Hay Davison, the £120,000-a-year chief executive and deputy chairman of Lloyd's insurance market, has resigned with effect from May 11 next year.

The surprise announcement came as a result of an initiative by the ruling council of Lloyd's to change the terms of reference and status of the chief executive's post.

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Gurkhas to lose half their six battalions

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

The Gurkhas, whose outstanding record of *bravery* during 170 years of service to the Crown has elevated them into army folk heroes, look set to be halved in strength.

One of their six battalions is being disbanded in 1987, but defence ministers now believe *two more will have to go when* Hong Kong is handed back to China in 1997.

There are 8,200 Gurkhas serving in the British army and four of the six battalions are based in Hong Kong. One is based in Britain, near Aldershot, and the other is contracted to the *Sultan of Brunei.*

While a final decision on their future is still to be made, ministers believe that many of *the Gurkhas serving in the Far* East will be surplus to requirements after the transfer of Hong Kong, and the Ministry of Defence cannot afford to keep them.

It is said the only alternative to a large-scale reduction in Gurkha numbers is to lay off British-born troops or persuade the Sultan of Brunei to pay for another battalion.

A high-level team of defence *officials visited Nepal, home of* the Gurkhas, for talks about their future. Thousands of families are dependent on army pensions and wages and the Gurkhas provide the third largest source of foreign income *for the Himalayan kingdom.*

Last night the Ministry of Defence would only say: "The final size and shape of the Gurkhas will turn on operations and resource factors facing the entire British army at the time (1997). It is too early to foresee at this stage."

But Mr Denzil Davies, Labour's chief defence spokes*man, said Britain had* an obligation to the Gurkhas "and on this occasion we must pay our debts."

***"It is pretty disgusting that,* again, we should put money in front of honour. Mr Heseltine should find the money."**

The Gurkhas, whose motto is "Better to die than to live a coward", had 450,000 men fighting in the British army during the two world wars. *Nearly 45,000 were killed.*

Head censured over Land's End deaths

From Rupert Morris, Aylesbury

The headmaster in charge of the four schoolboys swept to their deaths off Land's End in May failed to plan the trip adequately, failed to organize sufficient supervision and failed to act when he saw the children in danger, according to a report published yesterday by Buckinghamshire County Council.

The *report*, by Mr Charles Garrett, the county's chief education officer, is a severe indictment of the "misjudgement" of Mr Alex Askew, aged 61, who has since resigned as headmaster of Stoke Poges Middle School, and to a lesser extent of another teacher *present, Mr Robin Harrington*, aged 35, who announced yesterday that he was leaving teaching to run a public house.

Mr Askew, who has largely admitted his responsibility, would have been the subject of disciplinary proceedings if he had not resigned, Mr Garrett said. *He confirmed that* Mr Askew was being paid a pension equivalent to half his salary.

The parents of the four boys *are pursuing* a compensation claim after the council's admission that Mr Askew had sent the parents "an inaccurate and misleading" letter suggesting that the £90 cost of the trip included insurance cover.

Mr Askew was blamed in the report for holding only a few minutes' discussion with other supervising adults before the party of 51 children left for Cornwall, and not allocating responsibility; failing to organize supervision on the day of the trip; and failing to act when he saw the group of children on the rocks. He should have shouted and waved them away, the report said.

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Mr Harrington is to face disciplinary action for "failure to assess on the clifftop whether it was safe for the children to disperse as they did, failure to disclose a fear of heights which could have affected supervision of the visit, and failure to carry a list of names of all members of the party".

Mr Harrington said last night: "I've just had enough of teaching. If I was desperate to stay in teaching I would fight *this all the way.*"

He rejected criticism for not carrying a list of names of children on the trip.

"*Having* a list would not have prevented anything happening. I took a head count and did everything possible at the time. All I can do is to look back to that time and I feel we did everything we should have done. Unfortunately events took a very bad turn."

M4 rape: man in car park arrested

By Gregory Neale

A *man arrested by armed* police officers in Croydon, south-east London, yesterday was being questioned last night about the killing of a woman and the rape of three others.

The man was arrested in the car park of the Fairfield Halls entertainment complex shortly after 3pm. He was taken to Croydon police station, barely a hundred yards away, for questioning by detectives on *Operation Joiner*, who were investigating several crimes.

The first was the rape of a woman aged 19 at Banstead, Surrey, by a driver of a white Audi car. Three days later, a woman aged 19 was attacked by a man with a knife who raped her in gorse bushes by the A24 at Ashtead, Surrey.

On November 2, a woman aged 40 was abducted from her car by a driver on the M4 near Chippenham, Wiltshire. She was handcuffed, driven to London and raped at knifepoint behind a public house.

Ten days later, Miss Jacqueline Murray, aged 22, a prostitute, was shot dead after she and another prostitute were picked up in Park Lane, central *London.*

Yesterday's arrest was witnessed by Mrs Janice Lingwood. Mrs Lingwood, aged 40, who is studying social work at Croydon College, had driven onto the seventh foor of the car park when she saw a man enter by a side door.

"Two men suddenly appeared from my right carrying hand-guns. They came forward and shouted at the man, telling him to lay down", she said last night.

"They had him on the floor, with the guns to either side of his head."

● An inquest into the death of Miss Murray, was opened at Westminster Coroner's Court yesterday and adjourned provisionally until December 9.

Sedgemore barred for Lawson slur

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Brian Sedgemore, the Labour MP who last Friday accused the Chancellor of the Exchequer of perverting the course of justice over the Johnson Matthey Bankers' affair was yesterday barred from the House of Commons for five days after he refused a request from the Speaker to withdraw his slur on the honour of Mr Nigel Lawson.

The MP, a barrister, left the precincts of the *Palace* of Westminster and immediately repeated his allegation to journalists. He said last night: "I have got permanent qualified privilege in commenting on matters of public importance. He could issue a writ, but he would be laughed out of court; it wouldn't be taken seriously."

Mr Sedgemore bases his allegation on a written Common reply in which Mr Lawson endorsed categorical denials of the MP's parliamentary suggestion that members of the Bank of England may have conspired to utter forged documents and *to defraud the liquidator of* companies in Mr Mahmud Sipra's El Saeed Group.

Mr Lawson had then added: "I hope that, in the light of the very full replies which he has received the honourable Member will withdraw his allegations."

Mr Sedgemore said last night that he would not withdraw his allegation. "You can't withdraw the truth, can you?"

The Speaker's ruling followed a complaint by Mr Douglas Hogg, Conservative MP for Grantham, and a weekend letter to Mr Sedgemore, copied to the Speaker in which Mr Lanson said: "I take the greatest possible exception to this allegation . . . what you have falsely accused me of is probably the most serious form of dishonourable conduct imaginable." He demanded "an immediate parliamentary withdrawal.

Mr Hogg said last night: "This is no evidence against the Chancellor and Mr Sedgemore never even tried to substantiate *the allegation in the House.*"

Uncollected taxes rise to £2.5 bn

By Our Political Correspondent

The amount of uncollected tax rose to a record £2,532million last year and Sir Gordon *Downey, the Comptroller and* Auditor General, said that "taxpayer resistance" had helped to boost the Inland Revenue's outstanding balances.

He also said, in a report on Whitehall's Appropriation Accounts, that the charges outstanding from employers for PAYE and from contractors paying tax for sub-contractors, £622 million last year, were "approximately twice as high as might reasonably have been expected"; *and that the amount* of tax written off due to insolvency had increased by almost 50 per cent to nearly £125million.

The uncollected tax balance outstanding at the end of October last year, excluding PAYE and companies' unassessed payments, was 15.6 per cent of the net amount due for the year, £2,532million of £16,217million due.

That compared with 13.9 per cent for 1983, £2,052million uncollected out of a net £14,689million due. Between 1983 and 1984 there was an *increase of almost a quarter*, £480million, in uncollected taxes.

Sir Gordon said yesterday that the Inland Revenue had put the "further deterioration" down to reorganization, the effects of a staff rundown; "and continued taxpayer resistance to prompt payment

Industrial costs in record fall

Industry's raw material and fuel costs have fallen by 4.6 per cent over the past year, the biggest ever 12-month decline. *As a result, companies are* increasing their prices at a slower rate, David Smith writes.

The 5.1 per cent rise in factory gate prices in the 12 months to October was equal to the lowest monthly increase since the present series of statistics began in 1974.

However, the Government's hopes of consumer-led economic growth were jolted yesterday with the publication of *official figures* showing a 1.2 per cent fall in the volume of retail sales last month, after a 1.4 per cent drop in September.

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Well-balanced Rolls Royce greets Royal visitors

From Christopher Thomas Washington

They broke a lot of cups doing it, but the people at J. C. Penney's store in suburban Washington finally balanced a Rolls Royce on top of a display of Wedgwood China in the excessive anglomania in honour of the royal visit yesterday.

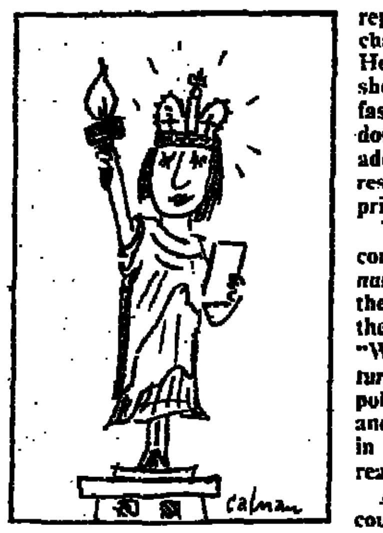
The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived in a *silver Rolls* Royce, cheered by 3,000 people pressed against security barriers in the autumn sunshine, most clutching *large* "Best of Britain" balloons. Thus began the couple's third and final day in Washington.

All 500 J. C. Penney stores nationwide are pushing a $50 million line of British merchandise, although at the time the campaign was conceived there was not even a hint that the royal couple would be coming. Their visit, a massive stroke of luc has helped clinch J. C. Penney's growing reputation as one of the posh upper middle class suburban giants.

The Prince and Princess saw mostly clothes in their brief tour of the Penney branch in Springfield Mall, Virginia, but of course bought nothing.

Prince Charles opined tongue-in-cheek *during* a British Embassy gala dinner on Sunday night that thousands of people were flocking to see his new clothes. His wife was still stunning people. She wore a cream-coloured gown with lace bodice and taffeta skirt, together with a diamond and pearl tiarra once worn by Queen Mary.

At the store, six words from the Princess threatened to start a fashion revolution in America when she asked, casually: "Don't you have double-breasted suits?"



She pointed to Prince Charles and said: "Do you think double-breasted suits are more flattering?"

Mr Jim Mardford, the president of Daks in New York, replied that he would be changing into one tomorrow. He explained later: "I think she has just started a new fashion in this country for double-breasted suits" and added that there was a great respect in the US for the princess's views on fashion.

The 'Best of Britain' welcome at the store included a *number of hiccups, however* – the Union Jack which greeted them was upside down, the "Welsh Guards" on the door *turned* out to be American policemen in bearskin costumes and many of the goods on sale in the promotion had labels reading "made in Korea".

After touring the store the couple shook hands with people in the crowd across the security barriers. Even the policemen were taking snapshots. A graphic designer from california came along to promote his mural of the Princess made entirely of 10,000 jellybeans.

The White House gala the night before was attended by Mr George Bush, the Vice-President, who said mysteriously: "If Paul Revere were to ride again today he would be *yelling: 'The British are coming'*. But he would be driving a Toyota through J. C. Penney's *parking lot*." *Political analysts* are still trying to sort that one out.

The couple went separate ways later yesterday, with the Prince visiting the Library of Congress to discuss the constitution with top legal scholars; including Chief Justice Warren Burger, while the Princess toured a drug rehabilitation centre for adolescents accompanied by Mrs Nancy Reagan, there was another gala dinner last night at the National Gallery. Today they will be in Palm Beach, Florida.

Teachers' talks fail after hours spent in squabbling

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Talks aimed at a settlement of the nine-month old teachers' pay dispute yesterday broke up in squabbling chaos after seven hours, a casualty of in-fighting among the unions.

Industrial action is now almost certain to continue, with a settlement unlikely before Christmas.

The historic meeting of the teachers' side of the Burnham committee, the first since the National Union of Teachers was stripped of its majority, ended with no decision after the vital two-vote majority now given to the smaller unions in theory evaporated into a tied vote of 14-all.

First, the Professional Association of Teachers, the no-strike union, which has one vote, abstained on the motion that talks should be restarted. Previously it had been unable to gain support for amending the motion to include a reference to restructuring teachers' pay.

Then the college lecturers' union, NATFHE, which is due to lose its one vote on the panel on December 2, voted with the NUT against the motion. This is the first time that NATFHE has used its vote for months, aand it resulted in a tie.

The second biggest union, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, which moved that talks should begin on the basis of the last, said that NATFHE was prodded into its vote by the NUT.

All unions agreed that it was one of the stormiest meetings of the teacher's side. At an extraordinary press briefing afterwards attended by representatives of all the unions (except NATFHE), heckled, shouted and contradicted one another.

Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the NAS/UWT, said it would not be prudent for the teachers' unions to have another meeting on the dispute until after December 2.

"The very sad thing about today's vote is that it necessarily commits the schools to longer action than would necessarily have been the case," he said. "I fear that my colleagues in PAT and NATFHE bear a heavy responsibility.

"Had the NAS/UWT's motion been adopted it would have led to a resumption of negotiations. That is what today has been about."

At yesterday's meeting the NUT, which remains the largest union, was deprived of the chairmanship and secretariat of the teachers' side. The new chairman is Mr Geoffrey Beynon, joint general secretary of the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, and the new secretary Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers.

Coal board may alter conciliation system

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The National Coal Board has indicated to the mining unions that the industry's conciliation machinery may have to be dismantled because of the emergence of the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers.

It is also seeking a High Court ruling that the industry's top level of conciliation, the national reference tribunal, is not competent to make a judgement on a claim by the National Union of Mineworkers that the UDM should not be recognized.

The board is about to launch "wide-ranging consultations" with the unions on how the conciliation and consultation machinery, in existence since 1946, should be amended.

In doing so, the board said in a statement, it appreciated "that the membership of the UDM may well in future not be limited to Nottinghamshire, south Derbyshire or the North-east." The present machinery, based on the premise of a single union for all mineworkers, operates on an area and national structure.

"It may well be that his machinery is no longer appropriate now and it will therefore have to be replaced by a structure based upon smaller groupings whereby the choice of union reflects the wishes of the majority of mineworkers employed with such a group.

● A third of the 300-strong workforce at Trentham workshops, Stoke-on-Trent, have decided to join the breakaway Union

Security surrounding Lambeth Magistrates' Court yesterday for committal proceedings in seaside bombings

Call to expel Militant ally

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Pressure on the Labour leadership to become involved in Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk's selection battle grew yesterday when a constituency branch called for the expulsion of the local party chairmen for supporting Militant. Labour MPs also offered to help the MP if he called a by-election to see off the Militant threat.

Mr *Kilroy-Silk last night* echoed the call of the Prescot East branch of his Knowsley, North, seat, on Merseyside, for the expulsion of Mr Jim McGinley, the party chairman, who said on BBC television last week that he was a Militant supporter.

The branch is to send its resolution calling for the expulsion, which is likely to be defeated in the far-left-dominated general management committee, to Labour's north-west regional headquarters, and to the ruling national executive of the party.

Mr Kilroy-Silk said last night: "Labour Party rules and constitution say that membership of the Militant Tendency is incompatible for membership of the Labour Party. This man has gone on national television to say he is a Militant supporter. That makes him inappropriate to be a member of the party, still less chairman of the constituency party. A branch has now said so and it is up to the NEC to support that branch."

Meanwhile Mr Frank Field, Labour MP for Birkenhead, said last night that at least 10 MPs had responded to his call to help Mr Kilroy-Silk if he called a by-election. One of the options being considered by Mr Kilroy-Silk if he is deselected and replaced by the Militant supporter, Mr Tony Mulhearn, is to stand down and force a contest.

Mr Field is confident of getting help from up to 50 MPs

Labour's organization committee yesterday snubbed any attempts by parts of the Workers' Revolutionary Party to ally themselves with the Labour Party, a possibility mooted after the recent split in the WRP.

Eight face bombing charges

Committall proceedings against six men and two women accused of the seaside resorts bombing campaign opened at Lambeth Magistrates' Court in south London yesterday with Mr George Bathurst-Norman, the stipendiary, repeating his earlier warning to the Press against breaches of reporting restrictions.

The defendants include Patrick Joseph Magee, aged 34, against whom there are five counts of murder and who is also accused of causing an explosion, conspiracy to cause explosions, possessing explosives, placing an explosive device, and two firearms offences.

Gerald Parick McDonnel, aged 34; Peter John Joseph Sherry, aged 30; Donald Dominic Craig, aged 28; Martina Elizabeth Anderson, aged 23, and Ella O'Dwyer, aged 26, are charged with conspiracy to cause explosions. John Gerald Boyle, aged 25, is accused of possessing explosives, withholding information and aiding and abetting conspiracy. Sean McShane, aged 32, is charged with conspiracy to cause explosions and aiding and abetting conspiracy.

Liverpool is rebuffed by Labour cities

By Colin Hughes
Local Government Correspondent

Attempts to help Liverpool to bail out of its budget crisis with a whip-round of borrowing allocations among other Labour-led city councils have raised only £900,000, less than one tenth of what the city's leader says they need.

Only four of the 46 Labour-controlled councils belonging to the Association of Metropolitan Authorities have offered spare borrowing powers to Liverpool. Even they have attached conditions which demand that the city set its books straight before expecting outside aid.

Labour groups of councillors have been particularly angered by Liverpool's claim that the association's initiative could raise £10 million. They say that £5 million would have been an ambitious target.

At a meeting yesterday with the association, Liverpool's Militant-supporting leaders were told that no more councils could be expected to come forward with offers of help unless the city first agrees to accept recommendations made in a report on the city's finances by four leading local government treasurers.

The report said that banks and financial institutions will not resume lending to Liverpool until the city council restores confidence by showing a determination to balance its books.

An association official said yesterday: "We have been to the 46 Labour councils, and they have all either rejected help outright, or demanded that Liverpool accept the treasurers' report, or asked when Liverpool are going to help themselves."

Liverpool's leaders last week postponed an eleventh-hour meeting with the general secretaries of the nine trade unions affected by threatened financial collapse of the council, on the ground that the association's initiative might save them from impending insolvency.

The impasse has been reached because Mr Tony *Byrne*, *Liverpool's finance* committee chairman, refuses to consider a rate rise and savings until borrowing allocations are promised. Other Labour councils will offer nothing until a rate rise and savings are agreed by Liverpool.

● The Merseyside Communist Party branch yesterday attacked Militant Tendency-supporting Liverpool councillors, accusing them of "alienating people with their unreasonable demands."

NHS 'dirty workers' put pay claim

By Our Labour Correspondent

Leaders of 270,000 National Health Service ancillary workers, who were said to be working for poverty wages, yesterday submitted a claim for a "very substantial" pay increase. They challenged the Government to reward them if they did not take industrial action.

The "dirty jobs" workers settled this year's pay increase of 4.7 per cent, due last April in September, but have quickly submitted next year's claim. Union leaders have launched a campaign, both inside and outside Parliament, to draw attention to low pay in the health service, under the slogan "the time for justice has arrived". They have released figures showing that cleaners and canteen workers earn £72.53 for a 40-hour week, porters £77.70 a week and cooks £82.95.

The large pay increases sought in next spring's settlement will move them nearer their target of two thirds of national average earnings of about £120 a week and re-establish parity with local authority manual workers who recently secured an 8 per cent settlement.

Mr Bob Jones, the health unions' chief negotiator, said that while 10 years ago a male ancillary worker was £4.70 a week behind national average earnings he now trailed by £70 a week.

Mr Jones, a national officer with the National Union of Public Employees, said that ancillary workers were continually improving productivity. With job losses running at 18,000 a year the improvement in efficiency, at 7 per cent a year, outstrips industry's record, he said.

Mr John Edmonds, general-secretary-elect of the General Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union, said: "This campaign is going to test the Government's sincerity. If we receive a three or four per cent offer the conclusion will be obvious that you don't get any justice from this Government without threatening to hurt people."

Minister cautious on Ulster agreement

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, *insisted yesterday that difficult* issues still had to be resolved in the Anglo-Irish discussions before any agreement could be reached *with the republic*.

His attempts to counter speculation that a deal and a summit meeting between Dr Garret Fitzgerald and Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, is imminent came as Mr Harold McCusker, deputy leader of the Official Unionist Party, warned loyalists' against "foolish" street protests in the wake of any agreement.

Mr King dismissed speculation that the two prime ministers will meet on Friday after an agreement had been reached by the full Cabinet on Thursday. He said: "I do not know when there will be a summit. There are difficult issues still to be resolved. Until those are resolved we will not know if there will be an agreement."

Mr King and his officials of the Northern Ireland Office are concerned at the effects on both communities in the province at the continuing delay in finally agreeing a package that can be presented to both British and Irish cabinets. That has created an atmosphere in which speculation and rumour is rife with the prospect of an agreement dominating the media in both parts of the province.

Mr King attempted again yesterday to reassure unionists of their position within the United Kingdom. He said: "I have made it absolutely clear there will be no change in the status or sovereignty of Northern Ireland or in the responsibilities of ministers who are responsible to the Parliament of the United Kindom."

He indicated that the unionist demand for a referendum or any agreement would be rejected as a deal would be debated in Westminster, which was the sovereign body of the United Kingdom.

Formal approval of the agreement negotiated during the past 15 months is expected to be given by the British Cabinet on Thursday if the final obstacles are resolved. The deal is expected to set up a joint ministerial commission, giving the Irish government a consultative role in the province but with executive authority remaining in the hands of British ministers.

Because Mrs Thatcher is known to dislike travelling to Dublin due to enormous security which inevitably surrounds such a visit, increased security activity at Shannon airport and an isolated country hotel in Co Clare has aroused speculation that it might be the venue for a summit.

The Dromoland Castle Hotel, near Newmarket on Fergus, can be reached by helicopter from the airport seven miles away.

● According to an opinion poll commissioned by the *Cork Examiner*, the public expects little or nothing to emerge from the Anglo-Irish talks (our Cork Correspondent writes).

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Blacks march in police shooting protest

By Pat Healy
Race Relations Correspondent

Several thousand blacks marched from Brixton to Hyde Park yesterday to demand the arrest of policemen involved in the shooting of Mrs Cherry Groce and the raid that resulted in the death of Mrs Cynthia Jarrett.

The marchers, many wearing Rasta colours with hair in dreadlocks, chanted "murderers" inresponse to the repetition officers' names.

A 10,000-signiture petition was handed in at No 10 Downing Street by the organizers. Miss Imelda Inyang, chair of the Cherry Grocy Support Campaign, told the really in Hyde Park that it was the most marvellous moment because black organizations had worked together for the demonstration, the start of the campaign for an independent public inquiry.

The organizers estimated the marchers at 6,000 to 7,000. The police put the numbers at 2,800.

● *The house arrest order on* Michael Groce, son of Mrs Groce, was lifted a Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court yesterday when he was further remanded on £2,000 bail until December 2 for committal proceedings on shotgun charges.

He was ordered, however, to continue living with his grandmother, Mrs Euphemia Hamilton, in Leander Road, Brixton.

Walkouts by immigration staff fail to disrupt

Walkouts by immigration officials at main airports yesterday caused little disruption to passengers (Our Labour Reporter writes).

Members of the Society of Civil and Public Servants (SCPS) at Gatwick, Heathrow, Luton and Scottish airports went on strike in protest at staff cuts and proposed channges in working conditions, but passport ontrol desks were manned by colleagues who stayed at work.

The union claims, however, that a stoppage at the Immigration Law Enforcement Office at Southwark, south London, will have disrupted inquiries into illegal immigrants.

The Immigration Service Union, a staff association representing about 70 per cent of the officers, advised its members to report for work normally pending talks today with government ministers.

If the discussions do not result in a Whitehall undertaking to tackle undermanning, the organization will hold a ballot on strike action. Any such action will seek to disrupt administration rather than passenger movement.

The TUC-affiliated SCPS is due to meet government representatives on Monday and does not expect any further walkouts until then. Although its members at Dover are holding a meeting later this week.

Widows' tribute to Burma dead

From Alan Hamilton, Rangoon

Dense jungle encroaches on the walls of the immaculate meadow at Htauk-Kyan in Burma, the largest war cemetery in south-east Asia. Overlooking its 7,200 headstones is a colonade of memorial tablets recording 27,000 men who died in the Burma campaign and whose remains were never found.

Buried where they fell, white ants ate their humble wooden crosses within weeks, and by the time the post-war searchers returned to move them to proper burial, the jungle had folded its impenetrable shroud over their simple graves.

In what will be the last official ceremony to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the peace, 100 British war widows and veterans yesterday paid their Remembrance Day tributes at Htauk-Kyan.

In deference to the diverse religions of the British, Indian and African dead from the Burmese campaign buried there, the bief ceremony was wholly secular, with a laying of wreaths by Commonwealth ambassadors and a recitation of the Burma veterans' most cherished lines, inscribed on a soldier's headstone

When you go home, tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow we gave our today

Several of the British women, having honoured their own husband's graves, placed flowers by the anonymous headstone inscribed simply "A Soldier", in the knowledge that it was the only individual act of Benison those unknown men's remains would ever receive.

The 230 widows and veterans selected by ballot from 1,500 applicants who have taken part in the Government's far east pilgrimage have visited many sites in Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Burma.

A small party was even ferried out to scatter 840 individual poppies on the sea off the Malaysian coast when the warships, Prince of Wales and Repulse, were sunk with the loss of that number of men.

All have relished the experience, have coped majestically with deeply stirred emotions and have won enourmous admiration

Legion bacteria found in hospital

There is evidence of *legionella*, the bacteria that has caused the outbreak of Legionnaire's disease in which three people have died in Glasgow, in two cooling towers at a new wing of Glasgow Royal Infirmary, the Greater Glasgow Health Board said yesterday.

A man in the hospital's peripheral vascular unit was described as critically ill and a new case, that of a woman aged 56, was reported. Her case is not linked with the outbreak.

By-election date

The Tyne Bridge by-election writ is expected to be moved in the Commons this week, with a poll on December 5. Labour held the seat at the general election with a 11,693 majority.

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Drownings at Land's End

School staff failed to supervise children properly

The headmaster and a teacher in charge of the four boys who drowned during a school trip to Land's End on May 6 were criticized for their conduct in an official inquiry report published yesterday.

The report, by Buckinghamshire County Council, found "many serious grounds for complaint" against Mr Alex Askew aged 61, who has since resigned as headmaster of Stoke Poges Middle School.

The report also criticized the teacher, Mr Robin Harrington, who announced yesterday that he was also resigning.

The 64-page report, produced by the council's chief education officer, Mr Charles Garrett, said the catastrophe might have been avoided if Mr Askew had shouted and made vigorous hand signals to encourage the four boys to move back up the cliffs instead of merely expecting them to move up on seeing him leave with other children.

The report, produced after an inquiry held behind closed doors, said it was satisfied that Mr Askew was the only supervisor to see the children on the rocks.

The report stated: "The preparation and planning for the visit by Mr Askew was inadequate and in a number of ways seriously unsatisfactory. What was said to parents about insurance was inaccurate and misleading."

It highlighted the "basic lessons" that could be learnt from the tragedy, and put forward 22 specific proposals for the organization and conduct of future school journeys and visits.

The inquiry, which sat for six days, was conducted by Mr Garrett, assisted by the county secretary and solicitor, Mr David Pullen, with the council's vice-chairman, Mrs Brenda Wickham, acting as an observer and adviser.

During the inquiry the panel visited Land's End. Mr Garrett said the report represented the unanimous views of all three. It is to be considered in public by a special meeting of the county edcation committee on November 20.

Mr Askew resigned as headmanster three months after the disaster and that, Mr Garrett said in his report, was because Mr Askew believed "it was in everyone's best interests if he gave up the headship as quickly as possible".

Mr Askew is no longer employed by the county council but, were he still employed, Mr Garrett said, "these serious complaints would have been dealt with through disciplinary hearings".

Mr Harrington, aged 35, has been required to account to the deputy chief education officer, Mr Stephen Sharp, for certain actions on the day of the tragedy, the report said.

These were: "Failure to assess, when on the clifftop, whether it was safe for the children to disperse as they did; failure to disclose a fear of heights which could have affected the arrangements for supervision; and failure to carry a list of names of all members of the party".

The report said he would have had to take over had anything happened to Mr Askew.

Mr Garrett told how the school party, soon after arriving at Land's End, spread out and some children went down a track and an adjoining grass area at the top of the cliff.

Soon afterwards children were seen by Mr Askew on rocks at the foot of the cliff. He was concerned that they had reached this point and wanted them to return.

He had expected the children would move back up the cliff on seeing him leave with other children from a point higher up the cliff.

"This expectation was not in fact borne out", said Mr Garrett, "and we find if difficult to understand how it would have been, unless some very definite signals had been transmitted to the children.

"The Soke Poges party, and Mr Askew as its leader, went ot Land's End with some assumptions about what conditions would be like, and a view of how it would be reasonable to organize appropriate supervision of the children

"They were only assumptions because there had been no previous reconnaissance of Land's End, nor had detailed information been obtained by prior contact. The validity of the assumptions was not checked on arrival

"We also consider that there were serious failures during the visit to react appropriately when it became clear that children had gone further than expected and were in situations where they at risk

The inquiry found that the conduct of the party at Land's End was not based on knowledge of the area, but on preconceptions. The children had scrambled down the cliff to rocks very close to the sea, it said, without any supervisor at first being aware of this.

"We consider that the Events at Land's End resulted essentially from a number of misjudgements and from one in particular, which had unintended but tragic consequences -e mainly Mr Askew's reaction when he saw the children down on the rocks", the report said.

The report added that Mr Askew's wife, Joyce, and a parent helper, Mr Christopher Birch, were both aware that the children "were in places which they might themselves have questioned and shown some initiative in reacting to, but they relied in the judgement of Mr Askew, as leader of the party, as to what was appropriate.

"In view of this, we think it is difficult to express any real criticism of them".

The report also stated that there was no question of considering criticism of the other parent helper, Mr David Paddison.

The boys who died were Nicholas Hurst, aged 10, Ricci Lamden, aged 11, years Holloway, aged 11, and Robert Ankers, aged 12.

The report's proposals include a recommendation that school governing bodies be asked to review arrangements for approving visits and journeys, their approval being required where there is an absence of one night or more and where day visits or journeys involve travel by air or sea and where day visits involve a hazardous activity.

The county education committee will be asked to consider that and other proposals at its meeting on November 20.

Mr Robin Harrington (left) and Mr Alec Askew, both criticized in the report

The report pointed to the basic lessons to be learnt from the tragedy: the need for careful preparation and planning; the need to reconnoitre potentially hazardous areas; the need for all surpervisors to know the scope of their responsibilities for supervision; the need for party leaders to decide on the arrangements for supervision in the light of the actual conditions being faced and to make sure that the supervision is effective.

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Point-to-point girl who kept students supplied with cocaine and heroin

From Tim Jones, Gloucester

An "attractive and kind girl" well-known among the point-to-point riding fraternity, was one of the main suppliers of drugs to students at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, a court was told yesterday.

While a student at the college, which has the Prince of Wales as its patron, Lucy French, aged 24, dealt in cannabis, cocaine and heroin. Her network stretched from a country public house where students paid her by cheque to suppliers in London and couriers from Amsterdam.

Even after being released from police bail she was discovered the next day with drugs in her possession and was re-arrested, Gloucester Crown Court was told.

French, of Ashmere Farm, Meopham, Kent, pleaded guilty yesterday to 14 charges of possessing and supplying drugs and asked for 103 other offences to be taken into consideration.

Also in court were David West, aged 21, of Staplehurst, Kent, who admitted seven drugs offences and asked for 20 others to be taken into account. Piers Risely-Pritchard, aged 24, of Nether Lypiatt, Gloucestershire, who had admitted three offences and asked for 13 others to be taken into account and Jonathan Peat, aged 22, of Holly Mount, Hampstead, north London, who pleaded guilty to five offences.

Mr Christopher Pitchford, for the prosecution, said: "There had been drug-taking on a substantial scale among a small group of people at the college and it appears that those who introduced drugs to the college at the material period were French and West."

He said that earlier this year, French went to see the bursar of the college and admitted her life was falling apart because of her involvement with drugs. Mr Pitchford said: "That may not have been coincidental since police were in possession of a search warrant which they executed two days later."

The police discovered her diary which contained in crude code details of her dealings and suppliers. From it the police were able to trace students who had paid up to £16 for tiny quantities of cocaine and other drugs. French pleaded not guilty to one charge of supplying drugs and the charge was left on the file.

French had been using cannabis since she was 18 but had ceased in 1980. "However, on commencement of her course at the college, she was reintroduced to cannabis and unhappily introduced to cocaine". West was also involved with another man supplying cannabis and cocaine to the college, he said.

French met Risely-Pritchard in London where he agreed to help her distribute cocaine. Later, in the flat of his old school acquaintance Jonathan Pleat, they weighed out packets of drugs and French was driven around London to try to sell it.

Mr Michael Grieve, for French, said that chapter in her life had been an absolute nightmare but she had dealt in drugs primarily because of her own addiction and not for profit. In fact, in a six-month period she had spent £4,000 on drugs and had received only £2,000 The case continues today.

Piers Risely-Pritchard (above), David West and Lucy French arriving at Gloucester Crown Court yesterday. Along with Jonathan Peat thay have admitted charges relating to the supply of drugs to students at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester.

Parkinson inherits 'Desert Island Discs'

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

Michael Parkinson, the broadcaster and journalist, inherited one of the most coveted seats in British radio yesterday when he was named the new presenter of BBC's *Desert Island Discs.*

Mr Parkinson, whose latest radio series, examining the BBC's archives, starts today, was selected by the widow of Roy Plomley, the programme's creator, and Mr David Hatch, controller of Radio 4. John Mortimer, the curator, and Richard Baker, the former newscaster, were among the other names considered for the programme.

Mr Plomley, who died eight months ago, had copyright of the programme. He asked for his widow to be involved in the choice of any successor.

The first edition under Mr Parkinson is to be broadcast on January 5. Yesterday the former *Guardian* and *Sunday Times* journalist who became a familiar face on BBC television from the beginning of the 1970s said: "I am delighted to be taking over from Roy Plomley. *Desert Island Discs* is one of the more prestigious programmes and I hope I will be able to do it as well as long as he did."

Mr Plomley ran *Desert Island Discs* for 43 years, interviewing more than 1,790 people until his death at the age of 71. Mr Hatch said yesterday that he had decided to continue the programme because of the number of letters he received asking him to do so.

"After Roy's death we wondered whether *Desert Island Discs* should continue. Hundreds of devotees of the programme wrote asking us to bring it back. Mrs Plomley is happy that Roy's name will be perpetuated."

Michael Parkinson was Roy Plomley's guest on *Desert Island Discs* in February 1972. The records he chose were "Singing in the Rain" (Gene Kelly); Handel's *Messiah*; "Here is that Rainy Day" (Stan Getz); "I wish I were in love again" (Frank Sinatra), "Mad About the Boy" (Blossom Dearie); "How High The Moon" (Stan Kenton); "If Ever I Leave You" (Robert Goulet, from the show *Camelot*), and "As Time Goes By" (Billie Holliday).

Mr Parkinson's first choice was "Singing in the Rain", and his luxury a typewriter and lots of paper. His chosen book was Hemingway's *Death in the Afternoon*.

Builders accused of £2.5m tax fraud

A builder bought his wife a £10,000 race horse with the proceeds of a £2.5 million tax fraud, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Timothy Quirke, aged 40, was one of five people, including his wife, Anne, aged 41, involved in the "massive fraud" involving an abuse of the system operating in the building trade for subcontractors to pay tax, a type of fraud known as the "lump", Mr Alan Suckling, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury.

"The Inland Revenue, and therefore the Exchequer of this country, lost well over £2.5 million tax", Mr Suckling said. A profit of at least £900,000 accrued to Mr Quirke and the others involved, he said.

"*At the end of 1983* Mrs Quirke bought with funds provided by Mr Quirke a two-year-old colt called Gertine Boy, which cost about £10,000 and was put into training near Newbury."

On trial with the Quirkes, of Palmerston Road, Wood Green, north London, are William Drohan, aged 36, of Clarkes Avenue, Worcester Park, Surrey, Raymond Griffin, aged 41, of Morley Crescent East, Stanmore, Middlesex, and Desmond Travers, aged 46, of Ladypitt Lane, Leeds.

The five face charges alleging conspiracy to cheat the Inland Revenue involving the misuse of subcontractors' certificates. Timothy Quirke faces 14 such charges, his wife four, Mr Drohan and Mr Griffin four each, and Mr Travers three. Mr Griffin additionally denies seven charges of false accounting and Mr Drohan three.

Mr Suckling told the jury that until the system was tightened up in the 1970s, main contractors left it to subcontractors to account for tax to the Inland Revenue. The present system was that the main contractor himself had to deduct tax before making payments to the subcontractor.

But there were exceptions: reputable subcontracting companies who could be trusted to make legitimate tax payment were given a "credit card" allowing main contractors to pay them gross sums.

The fraud started, Mr Suckling said, when the alleged conspirators bought some of the reputable companies, sometimes for as little as £400, and began misusing the exemption certificates.

The companies were bought in false names, bank accounts in false names were opened and accommodation addresses arranged for them. The next stage was to provide "cover" for other dishonest subcontracting companies which paid 10 per cent to pose as one of the fraudulent companies and gain tax exemption, Mr Suckling said.

The case continues today.

'Rapist posed as drug detective'

A man accused of rape posed as a drug squad detective to trap a married woman aged 36, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

After planting cannabis on the woman in Stratford, east London, the man aged 27 took her to Newham West Magistrates's Court, where he telephoned West Ham police station to arrange a cell after leaving her with a court usher.

The man, from east London, originally asked whether there were any cells available at the court, Mr Michael Austin-Smith, for the prosecution, said.

He then "carted her off" holding her arm tight to the police station, but at the entrance said they were going to search her Forest Gate flat.

She agreed to take him, convinced he was a police officer, and paid his bus fare, Mr Austin-Smith said. She told him she had drugs convictions. Inside the flat he made a "professional" search of the premises and her.

The man told her to strip and raped her, Mr Austin-Smith said.

He denies rape, claiming she did not put up a struggle. The woman said: "I thought if I did what he wanted he would go away and leave me alone, and the drug charges would be dropped. I thought I was dealing with a bent copper."

The hearing was adjourned until today.

Banks give clients an ombudsman

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The new bank ombudsman, who will mediate between banks and customers with complaints, is Mr Ian Edwards-Jones QC. He is expected to start work from January.

Mr Edwards-Jones, who was selected from a short list of more than 200, is only the second non-statutory ombudsman to be appointed. The first such position was created three years ago by the insurance industry to settle complaints between policyholder against their insurer if the company's own procedures had failed to resolve the dispute.

The insurance ombudsman has been such a success with the public that a group of 18 British banks, including the big four high street banks, the Scottish banks and the Trustee Savings Banks, decided to set up their own ombudsman. The service is sponsored by the banks costs the complainant nothing.

Mr Edwards-Jones's background as a lawyer was considered essential by the Banking Ombudsman Council. Since 1979 he has acted as one of the Government's Social Security Commissioners adjudicating about 5,000 complaints against the social security system each year.

The new ombudsman, who is 62, will be paid between £35,000 and £55,000 a year. As the first to hold the post he will be responsible for building up a staff and working out the detailed operations of the office.

He will have powers to make awards of up to £50,000 in any individual case. Bank customers may appeal to the courts if they are not happy with his decision, but the banks themselves are bound by the ombudsman's judgments.

They may refuse to let a case go before him only if they feel that a judgment could have widespread implications for banking in general. The case would then go to court.

The insurance ombudsman settled more than 700 cases last year, but Mr Edwards-Jones expects that complaints about banks could be more numerous.

RAF servicing to tender

A dozen commercial companies have been invited to tender for a new three-yearly contract worth £15 million to £20 million to service the Royal Air Force's fleet of more than 40 Hercules transport aircraft.

Basic servicing of the aircraft is carried out by the RAF; buut major overhauls and modifications are at present handled by Marshalls of Cambridge, one of the companies invited to tender.

'Second chance' for faulty cars

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

A "second chance" scheme for motorists pioneered by Nottinghamshire police has reduced traffic court cases in the county by half and will almost certainly be adopted countrywide next year.

Since its introduction three years ago the scheme's remarkable success has caught the imagination of chief constables, the Home Office, the Department of Transport and road safety organizations to such an extent that it has been adopted by all eight Scottish police forces and a further six in England.

Officially designated "the vehicle rectification scheme," it permits officers to give a second chance to motorists driving defective cars.

Instead of a notice of intended prosecution, offenders are handed a defects certificate, which gives them 14 days in which to rectify such things as bald tyres, poor brakes, sloppy steering, broken exhaust pipes and defective lights.

When the work has been completed by an authorized garage, the motorist must return the certificate to the police with the time, date and signature of the mechanics who carried it out.

Chief Superintendent Michael Holford, head of Nottinghamshire's traffic department, said last night: "Of the 40,000 vehicles stopped in the last three years over 50 per cent were defective in some way. Of that 50 per cent about 9,000 were issued with tickets requiring them to get work done within 14 days. As a direct result of this understanding approach there has been a marked improvement in relations between motorists and police.

"Some people might think that by allowing motorists to stay on the road for 14 days with defective vehicles we are increasing, not reducing, the risk of accidents. In fact we find that the work is carried out almost immediately. If however they had been prosecuted in the first place there might have been months, not days between being stopped and the case coming up in court."

'Video nasty' to protect children

British Rail has made a "video nasty" to try to frighten children away from railway lines. It shows black and white photographs of dead people hit by trains.

The video also features interviews with two teenagers who received terrible burns after falling off bridges on to overhead power cables.

The 20-minute film will be shown to Liverpool education officials this week. BR hopes it will be shown at every primary school.

Mr Jeff Hayes, BR's London-/Midland region public relations officer, who thought of the idea, said: "We are using stark black and white pictures of bodies, ranging from a four-year-old boy to a 40-year-old man. We want to shock rather than horrify. We want to catch children when they are young and not when they are dead".

ITV decides on 'super channel'

Independent television companies decided yesterday to press ahead with plans for a European satellite television "superchannel", although the financial form of the consortium has yet to be decided.

The channel is designed to be a competitor for News International's Sky Channel, which has more than four million viewers throughout Europe. It will carry independent television programmes, news from ITN and TV-am, and programmes from the BBC which the channel will pay for. The channel may go on air next autumn, serving cable networks throughout Europe.

Appeal dropped in gas theft

A property developer, John Stanborough, began a 28-day prison sentence yesterday for stealing more than £8,000 of gas to heat his swimming pool, after his appeal was withdrawn at Bournemouth Crown Court.

He was sentenced in August to three months imprisonment, all but 28-days suspended, and was fined £2,000. Stanborough, aged 49, of Branksome, Dorset, had admitted by-passing his gas meter for six years. He had previously repaid Southern Gas in full.

Soldiers fined for bar attack

Two Royal Artillery gunners hurled a smoke grenade into the Greedy Grape wine bar, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, and set off a rocket flare outside, after a dispute with the owner.

Gunners Paul Swift, aged 19, and Simon Bennett, aged 18, were each fined £750 and told to pay £1,046 in compensation at Stow-on-the-Wold Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Plough turns up ancient tomb

A farmer ploughing his field near Elgin, Morayshire, has unearthed a 4,000-year-old tomb of sandstone slabs.

The Bronze Age skeleton is extremely well preserved, and analysts at Aberdeen University are to try to find out more about the figure.

Riot remand

Winston Silcott, aged 25, a greengrocer from Broadwater Farm estate, Tottenham, north London, accused of murdering PC Keith Blakelock during last month's Tottenham riot, was remanded in custody for a week at Clerkenwell Magistrates' court yesterday.

Stocks of wine fall after contamination

By Derek Harris

The releases of table wine from bonded warehouses in August were at least 15 per cent below expectations, at the height of the publicity about contamination by diethylene glycol.

That is the estimate of the Wine and Spirit Association, whose latest analysis of the wine market, based on customs and excise returns, shows table wine releases to the trade to have been down by 5.5 per cent during August compared with the same month last year.

In July, before the full impact of the diethylene glycol contamination was felt, clearances had been up by 12.9 per cent as table wine sales continued to grow.

There are difficulties in interpreting the customs and excise figures because of various classification changes. Taking these into account, the association is still expecting table wine sales to be up this year by about 14 per cent compared with last year, when there was also an increase of about that volume.

Taking August releases into account, the association estimates that the moving annual total is still up by 14.2 per cent.

Mr Arnold Tasker, the association's chairman, said: "Wine merchants have been concerned that figures to the end of August might prove to have slowed down sharply. In fact, despite the poor summer trading weather and the dislocations inevitably caused by the national alert to check stocks, I am more than satisfied with the present trends."

September and October figures are expected to reflect the late summer weather with an encouraging increase in sales, Mr Tasker said.

While overall wine sales may prove resilient to the additives problem, there are fears that sales of some national wines may take longer to recover fully. This may apply particularly to Austrian wines, which were widely implicated in the diethylene glycol contaminations.

Clearances of medium wines, largely sherries and vermouths, are estimated by the associations to be down by 13.1 per cent on a moving annual total basis.

But clearances of heavy wines, mostly ports, are estimated to be up by 5.4 per cent. Sparkling wines, including champagnes, were estimated to be up by 8 per cent. These figures increase total wine clearances by 8.5 per cent.

While the wine trade is happy about the volume of sales, profit margins are an increasing worry, according to Mr Tasker.

Pop festival may be allowed near Stonehenge

English Heritage yesterday dropped its ban on the Stonehenge summer pop festival and offered the organizers an unexpected concession (Our Environment Correspondent writes). It and the National Trust will try to persuade a land owner within three miles of the monument to provide land for hire for a festival next year.

The festival, which attracts a crowd of 40,000, was banned this year because of damage to woods and land of exceptional archaeological importance. Hundreds of members of the "peace convoy" which headed for Stonehenge in June appeared in court after violent clashes with the police.

Mr Sid Rawle, spokesman for the convoy, said after meeting staff of the English Heritage quango in London that it had shown "a very positive change of position".

If no land can be found, the ban on the festival will be reimposed. English Heritage, which owns the patch of land on which the monument stands, and the National Trust, which owns hundreds of acres near it, insisted yesterday that the festival would not be allowed on their land.

Film scene 'stolen for blue movie'

A pornographic film was shown to a High Court jury yesterday by an actress who alleges that she was depicted in it without her permission.

Mrs Diane Hart appears in the 60-minute *Electric Blue 002* looking through a two-way mirror as her daughter, played by Joanna Lumley, cavorts in bed with a lover.

Mrs Hart, aged 59, says the scene was stolen from a film made in 1970, *Games that Lovers Play* and included in *Electric Blue*, made in 1980, amid close-ups of nude men and women.

Mrs Hart, from Waterloo Road, Bedford, who is presenting her case to Mr Justice Russell and a jury of eight men and four women, said that she became aware of the film at her daughter's wedding in 1981.

"To my horror, people were whispering about me, but when I came up to them and aked them what it was all about they stopped".

Mrs Hart seeks damages for libel and an injunction to prevent further film sales against Scripglow, its directors Roger Cook and Adam Cole, and a subsidiary, Electric Publications, responsible for overseas sales.

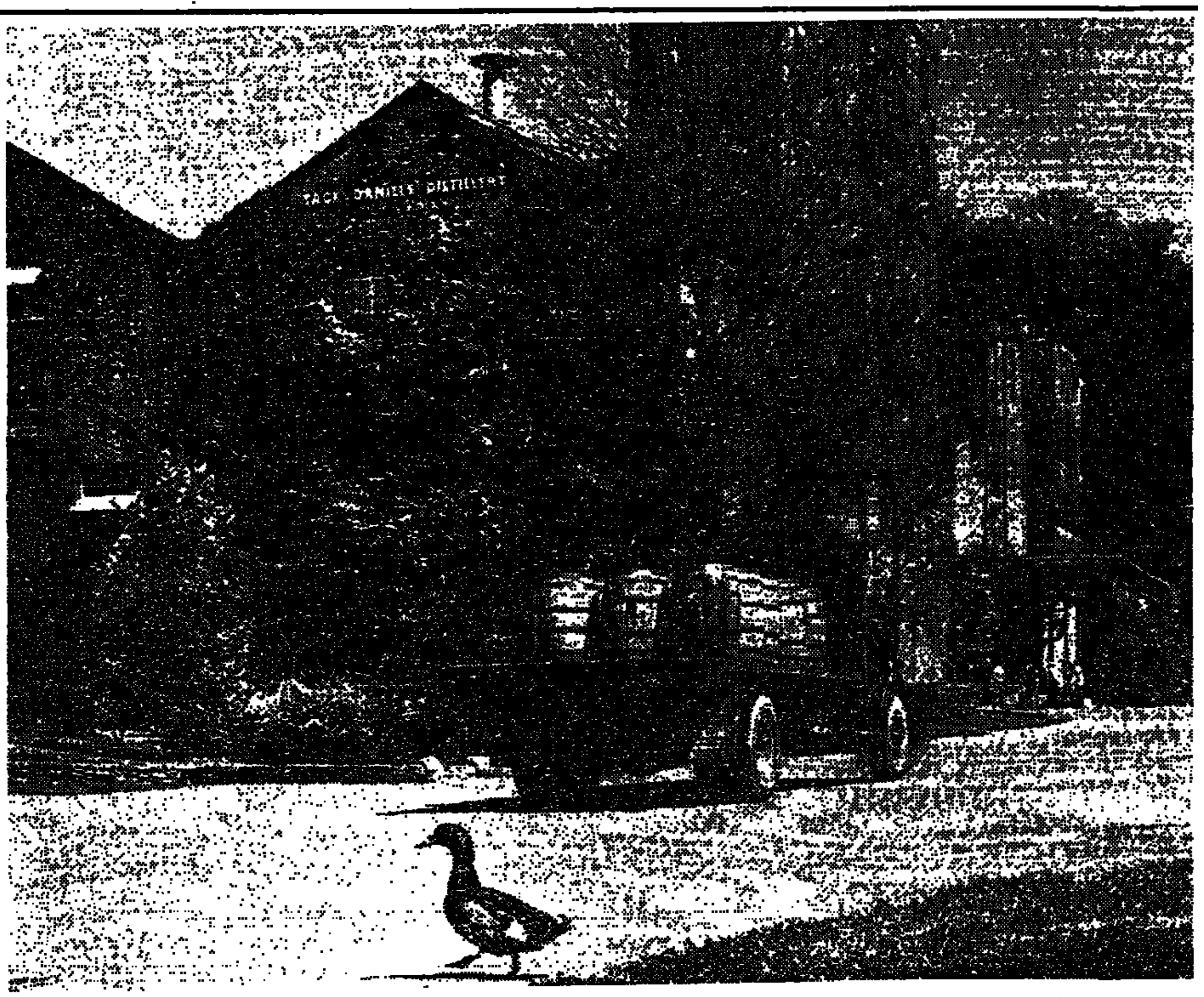
Mrs Hart, who is seeking damages

She also seeks damages for breach of the Dramatic and Musical Performance Protection Act, 1958 for using the scene without permission.

The defendants, who deny libel or breach of the Act, say that after appearing in *Games that Lovers Play* her reputation is such that no damage has been caused by the film.

Mrs Hart told the jury that *Games that Lovers Play*, about two old brothel keepers, was like a sex comedy and was fun to do, although she was not impressed with the finished product.

The hearing was adjourned until today.



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Sedgemore is 'named' for Lawson attack

JMB CASE

Mr Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Hackney, South and Shoreditch, was suspended from the Commons after refusing to withdraw an allegation that Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was "perverting the course of justice".

He made the allegation last Friday in a lengthy speech about Johnson Matthey Bankers. He spoke during the continued debate on the loyal address in reply to the Queen's Speech setting out Government plans for the new session.

The Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, "named" Mr Sedgemore after he had refused to take any of three opportunities to withdraw the allegation. **Mr John Biffen**, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the Commons, then moved that he be suspended from the service of the Commons.

That motion was carried by 204 votes to 45, a majority in favour of 159. The Speaker then instructed Mr Sedgemore to withdraw from the Chamber and Mr Sedgemore did so without further comment.

The matter was raised by Mr Douglas Hogg (Grantham, C) who, on a point of order, said that he had given notice to the Speaker that he would raise the matter.

You will know (he said) that in Friday's debate on the loyal address Mr Sedgemore made an extremely lengthy speech and prefaced that speech by levelling the gravest possible charge against the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr Nigel Lawson). What he said against Mr Lawson was: "The Chancellor of the Exchequer is perverting the course of justice".

That, on the face of it, is a very grave accusation. It is difficult to think of a graver accusation that could be made against a Privy Councillor and member of the Government.

In the course of his extremely long speech, Mr Sedgemore did not refer to the Chancellor again. He made no attempt whatever to justify that, the gravest allegation which could be made against a Privy Councillor.

Is it not a gross abuse of this House for an MP to come to this place and not even seek to substantiate such a gross abuse?

Is it not right that Mr Sedgemore, who is in his place, should have an opportunity to make a statement, apologise and to withdraw? (Conservative cheers)

The Speaker: I was not in the Chair when this statement was made, but I have read the speech by Mr Sedgemore and in particular the allegation to which Mr Hogg has referred.

This was a serious reflection on the conduct of the Chancellor and, as the House knows, it is our rule that one MP should not cast such a reflection on another MP unless the debate is based on a substantive motion dealing directly with the conduct complained of.

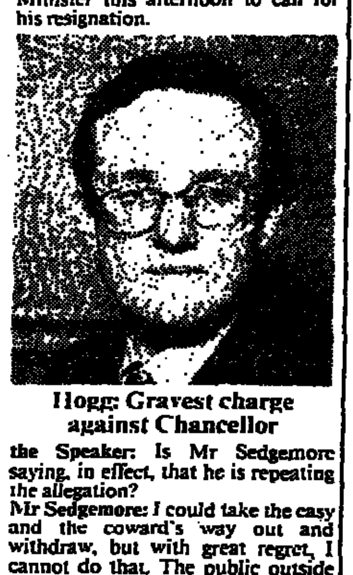
In making this allegation, Mr Sedgemore breached this rule of order.

I am sure the House would not wish a personal allegation of this kind, touching the honour of a Privy Councillor to remain on the record, and I ask Mr Sedgemore to withdraw that comment.

Mr Sedgemore: I appreciate Mr Hogg's concern about the difficulties the Chancellor is in. (Conservative protests), I appreciate your concern over this matter, Mr Speaker, and you will know that there has been an exchange of letters today (Monday) between the Chancellor and me.

When I was sent to this House of Commons my constituents expected me to call ministers to account and to do so without fear or favour.

What is happening in this case is that the Chancellor has made a grave constitutional error. The right course would be for the Prime Minister this afternoon to call for his resignation.



Hogg: Gravest charge against Chancellor

the Speaker: Is Mr Sedgemore saying, in effect, that he is repeating the allegation?

Mr Sedgemore: I could take the easy and the coward's way out and withdraw, but with great regret, I cannot do that. The public outside expect the truth (Conservative protests) and, with even greater regret, I repeat the allegation.

The Speaker: If Mr Sedgemore will not withdraw that allegation, I shall be forced to name him. I give him one further chance.

Mr Sedgemore: I cannot withdraw that allegation because it is true.

The Speaker: In that case, I name him.

Mr John Biffen, *Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Commons*: I move that Mr Sedgemore be suspended from the service of this House.

As the House divided on the motion, **Mr Denis Skinner** (Bolsover, Lab) protested: I have been gagged from speaking.

Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley, East, Lab): during the division, seated and wearing a top hat in the customary manner, raised a point of order.

In view of the comments you made a few moments ago, Mr Speaker (he said) about the conduct of MPs in the House, would it not now be in order to require Mr David Waddington, Minister of State, Home Office, to come and make an apology about what he said about MPs abusing their privileges in immigration problems?

The Speaker: The two cases are in no way connected.

Ms Clare Short (Birmingham, Ladywood, Lab), procured the same top hat and said to the Speaker: I cannot accept that there is no connexion between the two cases. In your ruling you said that it was against the rules for one MP to call into question the integrity of another MP. That is exactly what Mr Waddington did. You must surely deal with that case in the same way as this.

The Speaker: I have received a letter about the allegation by Mr Waddington, asking whether it was a breach of privilege.

This matter is not considered a breach of privilege.

Mr Skinner and **Mr Tony Banks** (Newham, North-West, Lab) acted as tellers against Mr Biffen's motion.

After the resolution was carried, by 204 votes to 45, The Speaker said: I have to direct the honourable member to withdraw in compliance with the order the House has just made.

Mr Sedgemore walked out.

New attack on lodgings abuse

SOCIAL SECURITY

A fresh attempt at revising board and lodging regulations and a concerted campaign to tackle fraud and abuse of the system by claimants and landlords is being made by **Mr Norman Fowler**, Secretary of State for Social Services.

He told the Commons during the resumed debate on the Queen's Speech that new regulations setting time and financial limits on board and lodging payments had been laid before Parliament that day.

He explained that the state earnings related scheme (Serps) could not be left unchanged. The Government could ensure the resources of the state were not pre-empted so limiting the flexibility of future government to carry out policies they judged necessary.

Opening the debate Mr Fowler said that in a fortnight the Government would uprate social security benefits and that would add another £2 billion to social security spending and bring total spending on it to well over £40 billion. That was almost a third of public expenditure.

The Government had more than fulfilled its pledge to protect the value of the retirement pension and stood by that pledge today. Between November 1978 and November this year pensions would have risen by over 96 per cent, 10 per cent ahead of price rises.

This month's uprating meant that since 1979 the Tories had increased the social security budget by 30 per cent in real terms. Some of that increase had been due to unemployment.

The Government was now paying higher value pensions to more pensioners than ever before. The Government had already committed vast resources to social security and, as the Chancellor of the Exchequer's statement tomorrow would show, was planning to maintain that commitment.

The existing social security system had become a creaking structure in danger of collapse. Parts of it were simply indefensible.

The aim of the review of social security, for the first time since the 1940s, was to look at social security overall rather than in a piecemeal way.

One group in most need were low income families with children. Hence the proposal for a family premium with income support; family income supplement had not adequately tackled the unemployment or the poverty trap.

Another objective was to make the social security system simpler.

Spending on board and lodging payments had risen from £200 million a year by the end of 1982 to £600 million a year by the end of 1984.

There was evidence of abuse (he went on) both by landlords and claimants, and young people were being drawn into accommodation they could not afford to pay for if they were in work.

Part of the Government's campaign to prevent abuse would result in more prosecutions.

A special investigation in Euston showed that about 600 people out of the 1,200 claiming the benefit in particular hotels were no longer there. He had asked for further checks to be made and would make the full results available to MPs.

Nevertheless (he added) it is clear already that there is similar evidence of abuse in other parts of the country.

The evidence we have from other parts of London, parts of Manchester and Edinburgh and from towns like Southend show that an appreciable proportion of claimants were found not to be resident at the hotel named on their claim form. One address which had been given for 24 claimants proved on investigation to have not a single claimant in residence.

Such examples of abuse involved not only claimants but proprietors. The passing of regulations could reduce the abuse but not totally prevent it.

What is needed (he went on) is a further effort to reduce fraud and abuse and I intend to increase the scale of our effort. I hope that whatever else we many disagree on there may be agreement that fraud whether committed by claimants or landlords should be combatted as effectively as possible and I give notice now that this will be our intention over the coming months.

The Government was seeking to give the public new options, aiming to develop not only personal pensions, but also industry-wide schemes where occupational coverage was low. For the man in a scheme who wanted to do more for himself, the Government would give a right to pay additional voluntary contributions, a proposal that had been universally welcomed.

The Government was also aiming to enable new providers to offer pensions and encourage more competition. Banks, unit trusts and building societies would be able to become pension providers.

There must also be access for the public to new and better information. People had a right to know where they stood in relation to their pension rights.

Those changes will come on top of the important improvemments in the 1985 Social Security Act (he said) which protects early leavers, confers new rights to transfer values and gives people more information about their own schemes. I believe those changes will go down as some of the most important improvements made to occupational schemes.

The proposed reform of supplementary benefit would involve the introduction of a common basis for system of income support, housing benefit and family support.

The Government was embarking on the biggest computerization programme in Europe so that DHSS offices would no longer depend on time-wasting and inefficient record-keeping methods.

Whatever disagreements there were about whether Serps should be replaced or restricted, there was widespread acceptance that it could not be left unchanged. Between the present day and 2035 the number of pensioners will grow by four million, while the number of contributors would increase only slightly.

A nation should have the courage to look ahead and, if the best estimates available raised doubts about whether promises made today could be afforded in the future, then the position had to be re-examined.

It would be an abdication of responsibility (he said) to hand down obligations to our children which we believe they cannot fulfil.

While that increased population of pensioners would require many services there would be many needs that could no be foreseen. The Government could, however, ensure the resources of the state were not pre-empted so limiting the flexibility of future governments to carry out policies they judged necessary.

Important changes were also to be made in occupational and personal pensions. At present, nearly half the workforce was without cover from an occupational scheme. Some 11 million were in schemes, but more than nine million were not.

It was a central aim of Government policy that this position should be improved to produce a growth in the pension-owning democracy alongside the home-owning democracy the Government was already creating.

Advice to ministers 'being tailored'

Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on health and social security, said the current year was supposed to be the year of the biggest review of the welfare state since Beveridge but it was the view of many that it was rapidly turning into the biggest fiasco of this Parliament.

The Government still did not know two years after the review had been inaugurated and a year after they had reported, what its Bill would contain. The White Paper was still only part written even though it was months overdue, because four drafts had been torn up.

Serps was not being reformed: it was either being abolished or emasculated. The whole exercise had been flawed from the start. It was impossible to have genuine reform when beginning from a nil-cost remit. That merely led to a redistribution of poverty among already poor groups.

The Secretary of State had avoided the question of the future of Serps. Everyone, bar the Secretary of State, recognized that a compulsory 4 per cent contribution to private schemes would be nowhere near enough to compensate for Serps or even to cover the administrative costs.

The result would be a huge increase in poverty in old age which Serps was on the brink of eradicating. There was no justification for the emasculation of Serps in either the short or long term because no alternative could provide pensions on anything like the low cost of Serps.

The next Labour government would reintroduce Serps in the same form or an improved form.

What proposals was Mr Fowler proposing to make in the social fund, in view of the unparalleled barrage of hostility it had run into? The indignity of having to ask for discretionary payments and being labelled a bad manager would certainly discourage many from claiming. Once again, the whole exercise was not about reform. It was about huge cuts.

The Government was proposing to freeze child benefit or to uprate it by less than the rate of inflation. The Labour Party was totally opposed to that, believing it should be significantly increased.

The overall impression left by the overwhelming mass of responses was of a botched muddle, a complete loss of direction and coherence, a cloak for old-fashioned Tory cuts.

There was no group closely associated with the implementation of these proposals that wanted them. Morale in the Civil Service over this Green Paper had plummeted to an all-time low. That was perhaps the most far-reaching and serious consequence of this whole episode.

How was it that a Secretary of State could perpetrate two appalling gaffs over board and lodging regulations and propose a Green Paper greeted with almost universal hostility and ridicule and riddled throughout with inconsistencies?

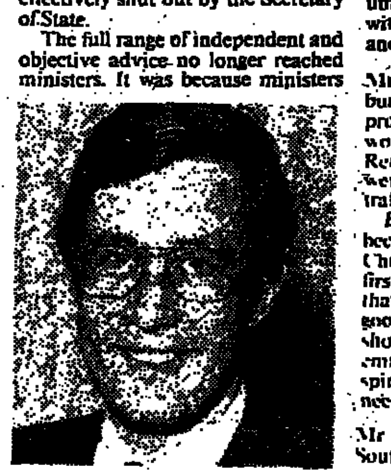
There was a bunker mentality prevailing at the Elephant and Castle. Top civil servants who did not share the minister's prejudices had been side-lined.

Mr Fowler: What he has just said is totally without foundation and without truth and an even bigger load of nonsense than the rest of his speech so far.

Mr Meacher: He is talking falsely and untruly. I cannot use the word lie but I would if I were able to. I know what I am talking about and so do the civil servants. Advice to ministers is increasingly being tailored to what it is known ministers want to hear.

At least one very senior Civil Servant with a distinguished record according to the highest traditions of public service has simply been effectively shut out by the Secretary of State.

The full range of independent and objective advice no longer reached ministers. It was because ministers had undermined the integrity of their department that blunder after blunder was now being committed.



Meacher: Senior civil servant shut out

The Secretary of State could not evade personal responsibility for the way he had devalued the Civil Service and sapped the morale of those he should be leading. If he had any honour in him the only available course for him after the fiasco of this Green Paper's near universal dismissal would be to withdraw this rejected document and resign.

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson (Newbury, C) said he regretted the proposed Bill on Sunday trading. He wondered what would replace Remembrance Day when the shops were open and the streets full of traffic and the clamour of people.

Easter Day was just going to become one more shopping day and Christmas Day perhaps become the first day of the sales. He regretted that deeply. He could not see any good reason why commercialism should be given so much pre-eminence when the revival of spiritual values was what the nation needed.

Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent, South, Lab) said the social security review was a euphemism for cost-cutting by the present government and disabled people would be badly hit by the proposals. Of the 14 additional allowances which were to be scrapped, 10 were directly related to disability.

Individual care would be sacrificed for cost-cutting and administrative convenience.

Dwarf throwing competitions

The Government has no power to ban dwarf-throwing competitions, Mr David Mellor, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, declared in a written Commons answer.

Replying to Mr Alfred Morris (Manchester, Wythenshawe, Lab), Mr Mellor said it would be for the courts to decide whether or not, in the circumstances of any case which came before them, an offence had been committed.

Mr Morris had asked if the Home Office had sought legal advice from outside the Government on the extent to which injuries inflicted in the course of dwarf throwing competitions might amount to assault. Mr Mellor did not consider any useful purpose would be served by seeking such advice.

Anxieties over new service

PROSECUTION

Everyone wanted the Crown Prosecution Service to operate on terms and conditions which would attract staff of the high quality that was needed, **Sir Patrick Mayhew**, Solicitor General, told the Commons at question time.

He was replying to **Mr John Morris**, chief Opposition spokesman on legal affairs, who urged him to go back to the Treasury and get more money for salaries in the new service.

Mr Morris began by asking if the Solicitor General was satisfied with progress on the staffing of the prosecution service.

There is (he said) deep and widespread concern regarding the payment of salaries and career structure of the new prosecution service. These are felt by the profession not to come anywhere near the assurances given in the course of Bill to set up the service.

Will the Solicitor General, before it is too late, go back to the Treasury to get the money and the career structure whereby we can start off with an independent prosecution service worthy of the name and able to attract first-class people?

Sir Patrick Mayhew: I note the expressions of anxiety to which Mr Morris refers. I shall be seeing the trade union group again tomorrow (Tuesday).

Concern at prosecution tactics

DPP's OFFICE

The Director of Public Prosecutions should be asked to put this house in order or resign, **Mr Geoffrey Dickens** (Littleborough and Saddleworth, C) maintained during questions in the Commons to the Solicitor General.

Many MPs and members of the public were very disturbed at the workings of the DPP's office, said Mr Dickens.

Time and time again (he said) good and proper evidence is put forward and many times charges are abandoned. Many times lesser charges are brought, which disturbs many people like myself and certainly disturbs observers at the trial.

Will the Solicitor General ask the DPP to get his house in order or resign?

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor General: I shall talk to the DPP at 3.45pm today but I shall not put to him that question or suggestion Mr Dickens has just put. His question was rather long on generalities but singularly short on particulars.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Chancellor's Autumn Statement. Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech (Industry and employment). **Lords** (2.30): Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech (Home and environmental affairs).

'Mail' story unfounded

ALLEGATION

Neither the Solicitor General nor the Director of Public Prosecutions is aware of any evidence that would substantiate a story in the *Daily Mail* alleging that a high ranking member of the Government was involved in cocaine smuggling.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor General, in indicating this, told the Commons at question time that the *Mail* had been invited by the police to make available any evidence which might substantiate the story. It was (he said) unable to do so.

Mr Michael Meadowcroft (Leeds, West, L), who raised the matter, asked the Solicitor General to deny the allegations in the *Daily Mail* of August 24 and put them to rest.

Minister's pledge on concessionary fares

TRANSPORT

Mr David Mitchell, Under Secretary of State for Transport, sought to reassure MPs in the Commons that concessionary fare schemes would continue after the abolition of the GLC and the metropolitan councils.

He also said he was angry that thousands of pensioners had been needlessly worried by the GLC's campaign which suggested the schemes were under threat.

He said Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, would be laying regulations before the House shortly dealing with details of the concessionary fares schemes.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) asked: Can I have an assurance that travel passes for the elderly, blind and disabled will continue in greater London after abolition of the GLC as now, starting at 9am, and will be fully operational as now?

Will Mr Mitchell repudiate the wicked lies put about by the GLC at public expense that the travel pass will be abolished after abolition of the GLC?

Mr Mitchell: Concessionary fares in London are currently a matter of GLC policy and executed by the LRT. After abolition the boroughs can get together to organize one scheme or there will be a fall-back scheme.

I am angry, and I am sure a lot of MPs are, that thousands of pensioners have been needlessly worried about losing their concessionary fares schemes. Pensioners have been used

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab, chairman of the GLC): It has taken us a long time to force this concession out of the Government. It could have put pensioners' minds at ease a lot earlier.

Mr Mitchell: If Mr Banks and some of his colleaguess had not quite flagrantly misled pensioners there would not have been any unease.

Mr John Taylor (Solihull, C) asked for a similar assurance for the West Midlands.

Mr Mitchell: This is entirely a matter for the locally elected voice through the passenger transport executive in the West Midlands to make its own decision as to how to spend its own resources.

Mr Roger Stott, an Opposition spokesman on transport: I repudiate Mr Mitchell's hysterical response. He must be aware that we have never ever said that concessionary fares would disappear completely.

We have said that concessionary fares which are currently enjoyed are seriously at risk as a consequence of the legislation.

Will my constituents in greater Manchester still enjoy the same level of financial support?

Mr Mitchell: There are sufficient resources for the PTA to provide the same level of provision as in the past. Whether it chooses to do so is for it to decide and not for the Government to dictate.

The law the same for rich and poor

CITY FRAUD

The law was the same for financiers, accountants, rich or poor, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor General, insisted when questioned in the Commons about City fraud.

Sir Patrick told Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) that the scope of his frequent discussions with the Director of Public Prosecutions and members of his staff included the handling of fraud investigations generally as well as individual cases of particular difficulty or importance.

Mr Skinner: Several months ago Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, made a statement to a Tory MP that he found the level of City fraud unacceptable.

Since that time we have had the revelations about those connected with Johnson Matthey Bankers. Also we now know that Peter Cameron-Webb and his associates who ran the PCW syndicate at Lloyds have managed to get away with £70 million and are now living in luxury across the other side of the Atlantic.

Why is it that the Attorney General and the DPP seem to apply one law for bankers and City financiers and another, when called upon to nod through the Cyprus war trial he gives the go-ahead, when the Clive Ponting case is brought before him he gives the go-ahead.

It is time the law of the land applied equally to everybody, financiers included.

Sir Patrick Mayhew: I have no doubt the Attorney did express the view that the level of fraud is unacceptable, because any fraud is unacceptable.

There is the difficulty the Attorney and the DPP have to face that there are some cases in which it is harder to acquire evidence in a form admissable in an English court

Mr Douglas Hogg (Grantham, C): The practice of peremptory challenges in City fraud cases is being used to constitute juries who have greater difficulty in understanding the evidence than they should have.

Sir Patrick Mayhew: Peremptory challenge has been brought down from seven to three. It is not a wholly simple question. The use of peremptory challenge has increased recently and I believe it is desirable to look into it.

Dial a ride service to continue

TAXICARDS

The Dial a Ride service for disabled people would continue after abolition of the Greater London Council, but the taxicard service was a high cost scheme which the GLC had set up just to provoke anxiety and to be an embarrassment to the London boroughs, **Mrs Lynda Chalker**, the *Minister of State for Transport*, said during Commons questions.

There had been no doubt in her mind, she said, that it was right to provide for the most severely disabled people by continuing the Dial a Ride service.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab), chairman of the GLC: She has virtually frozen the level of funding, which means Dial a Ride will not be able to expand after abolition of the GLC and that cannot be good for disabled people in London.

I have a letter here from the Prime Minister saying that she will ensure through the Department of Tranpsort that both the Dial a Ride and the taxicard services will be preserved.

Will the minister give an assurance now that the GLC taxicard service for people with disabilities will also be retained after abolition of the GLC?

Mrs Chalker: The £5 million put forward for the Dial a Ride service is sufficient to maintain the service in 1986-87 and with this the London boroughs working party has agreed fully. It will be up to Dial a Ride, with the help of London Regional Transport, to get better efficiency that will allow the expansion of the system.

The taxicard service has been costing the ratepayers around £5 million. It is a service where the boroughs, following the GLC, have power to grant-aid the service of concessionary fares. It is in the Transport Act 1985. It will be up to the boroughs who are now discussing it, to do so and all councils are being sounded out and will report back to the co-ordinating committee on November 27.

It is blatantly unfair of his GLC to come up at this stage with a proposal which will double the cost to the London ratepayers of a scheme which would not be right and one which would not help all those people who we wish to help.

First inter-city trains with no London change

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

British Rail's first cross-London inter city trains will operate between north-west and south-east England from May. They will travel from the west coast main line through Willesden, Kensington, Chelsea, and Clapham, connecting the London Midland lines with Southern Region main lines.

Passengers will be able to catch through trains between the Midlands and the North, Scotland and Wales; and Kent and Sussex towns such as Dover, Brighton Hastings and Folkestone, as well as Gatwick

Typical of the new trains in the May timetable are a daily 7.49 from Liverpool arriving in Dover at 12.35, and a 10.15 from Brighton arriving in Manchester at 15.07.

The new services were welcomed by the rail consumer body yesterday as "the beginning of the end of the idea that everything stops at London."

They would enable British Rail to compete more strongly with coaches and airlines, particularly for elderly passengers who do not want long waits or to carry cases across central London, the transport consultative committee said.

The "west London line" services announced yesterday are separate from New Cross-London commuter services between Farringdon and Blackfriars, soon to be announced by British Rail.

The new Southern timetable also contains some further trimming of off-peak trains, but on many routes extra trains and more frequent timings are being introduced.

In the south-eastern division there will be a faster service between Hastings and London with new electric trains, more trains from Tunbridge Wells, a new service between Dartford and Victoria, fast trains from Gravesend and improved services between Swanley, Bromley South and Holborn Viaduct.

In the central division train timings have been improved after severe criticism of last year's changes, with four trains an hour on many routes. The London to Brighton service will be speeded up by another minute to 51 minutes. Ifield and Littlehaven will lose their calls by Bognor to Victoria trains and Faygate will lose its off-peak services.

In the south-western division there will be an additional fast train from Southampton to London with a connection from Bournemouth, and retimings in north-east Hampshire.

Warning on prosecution service pay

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Law Society has warned the Government that the proposed pay and career prospects for lawyers in the new crown prosecution service could mean poor standards of prosecution which might lead to fewer convictions.

In a letter to Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, the Solicitor General, the Law Society's president, Mr Alan Leslie, says: "It is of great importance that this new service should attract solicitors of high calibre well able to conduct cases as competently as defence solicitors.

"The public is concerned that those who have committed offences should be brought to justice; a prosecution service of poor quality will only give cause for further public concern."

The letter is the latest criticism of the Government's proposals for pay and prospects for lawyers in the crown prosecution service to be set up next year.

The Prosecuting Solicitors' Society said that the new service may never get off the ground: numbers of existing prosecutors are already leaving their jobs with local authority prosecuting departments and going into private practice because the pay on offer would mean a drop in salary.

Mrs Alice Brown, aged 87, taking schoolchildren in period dress around the Quarry Bank Mill at Styal in Cheshire after she opened a new section yesterday depicting the millworkers' lot a hundred years ago.

Radio stations complain over pay table

Commercial radio stations have complained to the Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance about inaccuracies in a table published in a union bulletin which gave details of the salaries of station managing directors

The table, which was reproduced in *The Times* last week, was broadly accurate in most of the figures it quoted, but rounded up the salaries of several directors to one person in at least four cases. One was the pay of the managing director of Radio Hallam, Mr Bill MacDonald, who earns less than half the £57,995 claimed

Other stations where inaccurate figures were quoted include Downtown Radio, Swansea, and Tay.

Most of the figures were calculated from the largest director's salary quoted in company reports.

Computer data Act in force

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

The first people to sign the dotted line which puts them within the letter of the latest law were processed yesterday.

They put the Data Protection Registrar, Mr Eric Howe, in business officially and opened the gates to an estimated 400,000 applications during the next few months.

At 11.30am the Data Protection Act, 1984 became law after a brief introduction by Mr David Waddington, Home Office Minister of State.

Anyone who uses or who has access to computerized information about individuals will have to lodge their interests with the new registry. A six-month amnesty until May 11 is in force.

Mr Waddington said the Act, which will create important new rights for individuals including the right of access to personal information held about them, was "a significant and wide-ranging piece of legislation

The first people to sign on were Miss Elsa Irving, of the Citizen's Advice Bureau; Ron Carey, chairman of Cheshire County Council; and Mr Frank Allison, company secretary of Middlesbrough-based furniture retailers, Barker and Stonehouse.

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Homes plan 'penny pinching'

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

The Government's proposals to change the home improvement grant system, substituting loans and introducing means-testing for grants, are today criticized by Shelter, the national campaign for the homeless.

In its response to the Government's Green Paper published last June, Shelter rejects the proposals as "short-term penny pinching". It argues that while the present system does need simplifying and improved targeting, the proposals fail to achieve any simplification and would lead to lower standards and an intolerable burden on many owner-occupiers.

"Far from making Britain the 'best-housed nation in Europe' (Conservative manifesto 1983) these proposals will erode the improvements of the last 25 years and will slowly but surely add to the decay of our housing stock."

Shelter is particularlym concerned at the proposal to change the present standard of fitness for houses, believing that it would substitute a lower one. The proposed standard would not cover fire precautions, safe electric wiring and sound insulation, among other considerations.

Peace hopes threatened as racist parties benefit from West Bank violence

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

For the second time in the past week, a young Israeli has been stabbed in the back in the Old City of Jerusalem. Four people have been wounded when their bus on the West Bank was hit by rifle shots. An Arab youth, aged 17, is in hospital with an Israeli soldier's bullet in his stomach after a stone-throwing incident outside a Nablus high school, a Palestinian died when the bomb he was preparing blew up, and another was shot and wounded by an Israeli settler.

On the face of it, the televised call at the weekend from Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, for an increase in what he calls "the armed struggle" in occupied lands, is having a quick and violent response.

But tensions on the West Bank are never absent and violence is proving the most successful recruiting sergeant for the Jewish extreme right racist movement which is threatening to stab in the back any peace plan Israel might consider.

The movement's inspiration is Mr Meir Kahane, a Brooklyn-born rabbi who succeeded in winning a seat in the Knesset at the fourth attempt last year and who is now trying to bring in two private member's Bills which would forbid relations, including sexual ones, between Jews and Arabs and reduce Israeli Arabs to second-class citizens.

Despite a new law forbidding members of racist parties to stand for the Knesset in future, Mr Kahane has just succeeded in winning a case before the High Court that his two Bills must be accepted by the Knesset Speaker, Mr Shlomo Hillel, who has so far used every procedural device to avoid putting them before the Chamber.

The existence of the rabbi's Kach Party is an acute embarrassment to the Government and the country when Israel is seeking to rally world opinion against the 10-year-old UN resolution which says that "Zionism is racism".

Although Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, says he is not impressed by the opinion polls – which show that up to 10 per cent of the population would now support Rabbi Kach – he should be concerned by the appeal his party has among the young.

A recent survey by the respected Van Leer Foundation showed that 50 per cent of all high school students were attracted by the rabbi's ideas. Even more worrying are findings in army tests among young conscripts – who currently police incidents of stone-throwing in the Nablus area – that there is little or no understanding or tolerance among them

The rabbi's appeal lies in telling the world that the Jews really are the chosen people

His supporters would refuse to give up an inch of the land Israel occupied after the 1967 war. Among them are those who, in the past week, have threatened civil and even armed rebellion against the Government.

President Herzog, who is a frequent target for the rabbi's attacks, was UN Ambassador when the "Zionism" resolution was passed. He ended his speech then by tearing up a copy of the draft on the rostrum and now he is trying to do much the same to the Kach programme.

"Zionism and racism are two opposites," he said last night on television. "Rascism is an internal enemy that must be liquidated without any compromise."

● **NEW YORK:** Israel has launched a campaign to overturn the resolution equating Zionism with racism which was adopted at the height of Arab *radicalism* and *influence* at the United Nations (Zoriana Pysariwsky writes).

President Reagan sent a message pledging to support any move to repeal the measure defining Zionism as racism. He called it a blot on the UN record.

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Señora Maria Rodriguez de Almarales (in glasses), widow of Andrés Almarales, leader of the M19 rebels killed in the siege, at his burial on Sunday.

Relatives of Bogotá dead shun service

From Geoffrey Matthews
Bogotá

Relatives of victims of the Bogotá siege, as well as the surviving Supreme Court judges, apparently boycotted a memorial service in protest at what they see as the Colombian Government's failure to negotiate and avert a blood bath.

The widow of only one of the 12 members of the Supreme Court taken hostage by the guerrillas and killed during the seige attended the memorial service in Bogotá's cathedral

President Betancur of Colombia called for national reconciliation and urged Colombians to "choose between democracy and terrorism" when he addressed the memorial service.

Today official figures put the death toll at 95 in the siege, at the Palace of Justice, which ended when government troops stormed the building which had been taken by guerrillas of the April 19 Movement (M19).

The judiciary remains isolated in its criticism of President Betancur, however, whose decision to use force has been endorsed by virtually all sections of political opinion.

The body of Andres Almirales Manga, the top M19 leader killed in the siege, was buried in a Bogotá cemetary after his family had been refused access to a series of cemetaries in the city. The church refused to allow a funeral service for him.

Zaire refugees seek sanctuary with Swiss churches

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

About 32 African refugee families – 107 persons in all, including many from Zaire – have put themselves under the protection of the Geneva churches. Dormitories have been opened for them by the Protestant and Roman Catholic Churches with social workers constantly present.

About half of the refugees are past the end of the period within which they were obliged to leave Swiss territory after having applications for political asylum rejected. They are being joined by others in similar circumstances.

This development follows last week's operation – codenamed "Black Autumn" – in which 59 Africans, among them five women and half a dozen children, were deported from Zurich to Kinshasa in a Swissair DC10 with 120 Swiss gendarmes as escorts.

Fear of the same thing happening to them compelled the 32 families, with 43 children, to appeal to the churches. The Swiss League for Human Rights is urging the Federal Government to appoint in inquiry commission to investigate procedures before the deportation flight. Thirty-seven of the 59 had forged Angolan passports, but were judged to be Zairean nationals. Others had had their political asylum applications finally rejected.

The Government has described as "disinformation" a Swiss daily newspaper report that the Africans were roughly handled by their police guards in flight although it acknowledged that some had to be taken by force into the plane at Zurich.

Officials say the men's handcuffs were removed early in the flight, which otherwise was "normal".

The daily *La Suisse* said that six of the men died at Mamayemo Hospital in Kinshasa as a result of maltreatment by Zairean security police. The federal Ministry of Justice police in Berne said there was "no information whatsoever to substantiate this report".

While the Zaire Government has protested officially to Switzerland about "inhuman treatment of the deportees during flight", it is thought to regard most of them as undesirables. Some were alleged to have been involved in a fight with President Mobuto's bodyguard during the lavish birthday party he gave last month for 200 people at a Geneva hotel.

Welfare bodies have also taken up the case of 52 Chileans told to leave the country. A dozen Turks in similar circumstances have gone

More than 1,000 new applicants for political asylum presented themselves in September, including many Tamils. The Government had said they would not be sent back to Sri Lanka if their lives would be at risk.

Jordan ends shelter for Assad's enemies

From Our Correspondent, Beirut

Syria yesterday welcomed a declaration by King Husain of Jordan that he would no longer allow Muslim fundamentalists opposed to President Assad of Syria to shelter in his country.

King Husain's decision is in line with joint Jordanian and Syrian efforts to improve relations after a five-year strain largely caused by Jordan's alleged support of underground guerrillas of the Muslim Brotherhood. "We received the announcement with relief," a senior Syrian official told the Syrian news agency, SANA.

The Jordanian announcement was made in a letter signed by King Husain to Mr Zaid Rifai, the Jordanian Prime Minister, who is expected to visit Damascus today.

Jordan was among the countries that received Muslim Brotherhood guerrillas who fled Syria in the wake of the crackdown launched by the Assad Government against the organization's stronghold in the central city of Hama in 1982.

"It turns out that some who did have a connection with the bloody events in Syria were present in our quarters," the King's letter said. "There is no room among us after today for any betrayer, plotter or agent of the enemies," it said.

Mr Rifai's trip to Damascus entails yet another friendly mission, since he is scheduled to discuss details of a planned meeting between King Husain and President Assad. The two leaders last met in 1980 in Belgrade, where they attended the funeral of Marshal Tito.

The Syria-Jordan reconciliation was largely credited to Saudi Arabia's mediation. Mr Rifai has recently held two rounds of talks with his Syrian counterpart, Mr Abdul-Raouf Kasm, in Riyadh, the Saudi capital.

Rift opens over Arafat declaration

From Alice Brinton
Cairo

Differences seem to be emerging between the Egyptian and Palestinian interpretations of last week's Cairo Declaration.

Last Thursday, Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, standing beside President Mubarak of Egypt at Cairo's El Qubba Palace, stated that the PLO denounced terrorism against civilians anywhere and would prosecute such acts in future, but still reserved the right of Palestinians to use military resistance in occupied territories.

President Mubarak was quoted on Saturday as saying that he understood this declaration to mean that the PLO would undertake military operation only in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, not in Israel.

PLO spokesmen in Cairo, however, do not seem to want to make clear whether or not military operations in the state of Israel are to be restricted.

Meanwhile, Egypt's Foreign Minister, Mr Esmat Abdel Meguid, arrived in Amman with a message from the Egyptian leader to King Husain of Jordan, to brief him on the PLO chairman's visit

A senior Egyptian source said on Sunday that Egypt and Jordan were holding intensive contacts with the United States to study where to go next in the peace process in the light of a four-point peace plan based on the February 11 agreement with Mr Arafat, and Israel's call for peace with Jordan before the year is out.

Another Libya death plot foiled

From Alice Brinton
Cairo

Mr Abdul Hamid Bakoush, Prime Minister of Libya under the monarchy overthrown by Colonel Gadaffi in 1969, has been the target of an assassination attempt in Egypt for the second time in less than a year.

The Egyptian Minister of the Interior, Mr Ahmed Rushdy, said yesterday that security forces had foiled a plot to kill Dr Bakoush and another Libyan exile Mr Muhammed Mogarief, who was once a minister in the Gadaffi government.

A year ago, a plot to kill Dr Bakoush, allegedly backed by Libya was discovered. Two Britons Mr Anthony Gill and Mr Eric Shiner and two Maltese were implicated and deported.

Dr Bakoush said in Cairo yesterday: "I was lunching at a villa belonging to a fellow Libyan last Wednesday, a few kilometres west of Alexandria.

"At around three o'clock, we heard shooting in the street that sounded like a battle. I admit I wasn't courageous, just waited for it all to die down. When we went out into the street, we saw several police cars, two Toyota trucks and I saw three Libyans lying wounded on the ground and a fourth being led away to a police car.

"Egyptian security told me later they had known of the plot and prepared a trap for the assassins. I was not informed."

Mr Rushdy said that Egypt had expected more attempts on Dr Bakoush's life ever since the security forces had tricked Libya with faked photographs into believing they had succeeded in killing him last November.

Emir of Qatar makes state visit to Britain

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Sheikh Khalinfa bin Hamad al-Thani arrives in London today for the first state visit to Britain by an Emir of Qatar since the oil-rich Gulf state gained indepenence from Britain in 1971.

The Emir, who speaks virtually no English, will be the Queen's guest at Buckingham Palace during his four-day stay. The Queen visited Qater on a tour of the Gulf in 1979. She will meet him at Victoria Station and they will drive in procession to the palace.

The Emir will hold talks with Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who visited his nation of 250,000 people in 1981.

He will visit the British Aerospace plant at Hatfield, Hertfordshire, to watch displays by civil and military aircraft, including the Tornado, the Sea Harrier and the Hawk.

● **BAGHDAD:** A high-level delegation of the Gulf Co-operation Council, led by the Oman Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Youssef Alawi, arrived to explore Iraq's views before embarking on a new mediation effort in Iran to end the five-year-old Gulf war.

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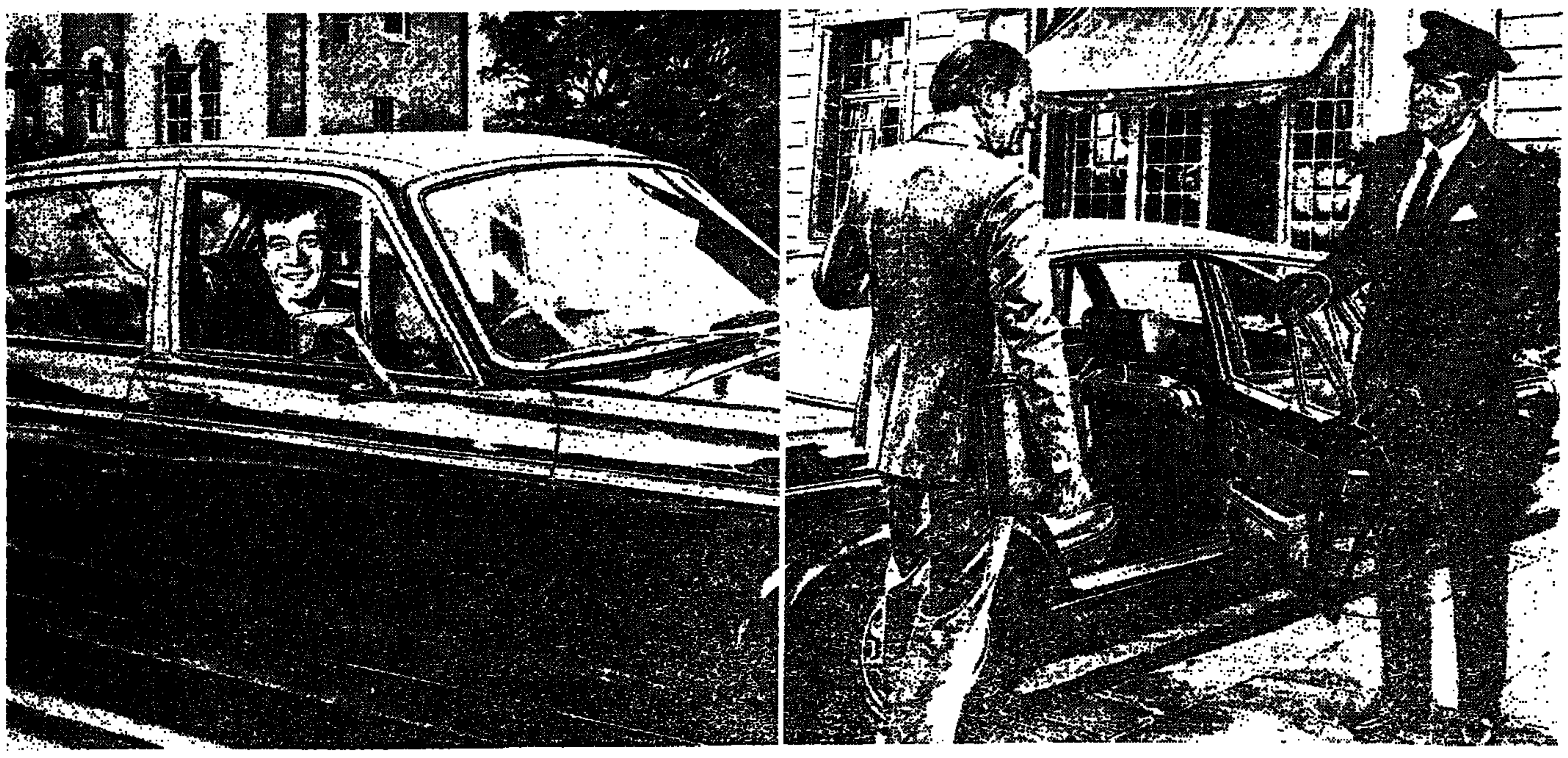

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South Africa prepares contingency plan for repatriating 1.5m blacks

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa is drawing up a "contingency plan" for repatriating 1.5 million foreign blacks working here, as part of a strategy to meet the possible effects of international economic sanctions.

The Minister of Manpower, Mr Pietie Du Plessis, yesterday said the Government had "no immediate plan or desire to summarily repatriate large numbers of foreign workers", but a contingency planning was "essential as part of the government's overall . . . strategy for relieving unemployment in the face of disinvestment, sanctions and boycotts".

According to the Government, there are 1.5 million foreign blacks working in South Africa. About 350,000 are on legal work permits (210,000 of them in the gold and coal mines), and the rest are employed illegally. The main countries of origin are Lesotho, Mozambique, Botswana, Malawi and Swaziland.

Many foreign blacks are believed to be employed as farm labour, with smaller numbers in manufacturing. Others find casual work as domestic servants, gardeners, odd-job men and the like. Identifying and rounding up those who are here illegally would be a major operation.

The Government showed its hand after a story on the front page of yesterday's *Business Day*, the country's only financial daily, which reported that a decision to reduce the number of foreign workers had been taken by the State Security Council, an inner cabinet of senior ministers and military and intelligence chiefs.

It would seem likely that the information was leaked to the paper by some of the business people the Government has consulted about its plan, and who are opposed to it.

In a leading article *Business Day* said repatriation would be "a clear act of defience and provocation that would rebound heavily on our economy".

The President of the Chamber of Mines, Mr Clive Knobbs, said he was glad to hear that the Government had no immediate plans to expel large numbers of foreign workers.

"Any large-scale repatriation would be severly disruptive, socially, economically and politically," he said. "The backlash would be horrific, not only in economic terms, but in damage to confidence in the entire South African mining industry at national and international level".

Meanwhile, the police reported continued scattered unrest, with some injuries but no deaths, in various parts of the country. In a white area of Cape town, a car belonging to Mrs Di Bishop, a member of the anti-apartheid Progressive Federal Party, was set alight outside her home on Sunday night by unknown arsonists.

More than 30 people detained under the state of emergency regulations have gone on hunger strike, according to a committee of their families and friends. The police would only confirm hunger strikes by two emergency detainees in Pollsmoor prison near Cape Town, and by seven others awaiting trial for alleged security offences in Oudtshoorn prison, also in Cape Province.

In the Eastern Cape, the chief organizer of the black consumer boycott of white-owned shops, Mr Mkhuseli Jack, and 18 others were released yesterday from jail on the orders of the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange.

Dutch fugitive to be interviewed by police

Rotterdam (AP) – The Netherlands and South Africa have reached a tentative agreement that would allow South African police to interview a Dutch fugitive about alleged weapons smuggling, according to a press report here yesterday. Mr Klaas de Jonge has been in the Dutch Embassy offices in Pretoria since July 19.

Realistic Washington lowers its Geneva expectations

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The prospects for next week's superpower summit seem to have dwindled down to the possibility that President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, will produce general guidelines for continued arms control negotiations in Geneva.

The Soviet Union's sharp condemnation of Mr Reagan's weekend radio address to the Russian people has further soured the atmosphere in the run-up to the November 19-20 Geneva meeting. Both Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and Mr Robert McFarlane, the National Security Adviser, are publicly gloomy about anything far-reaching coming out of the talks.

There seems little possibility that the superpowers will agree even on a joint communiqué at the conclusion of the summit. Mr McFarlane said a communiqué might be "inappropriate", and other senior officials indicated that both Moscow and Washington had already agreed not to issue one.

According to one source, Mr Gorbachov told Mr Shultz in Moscow that "extremists" in the US Government and the "military-industrial complex" dominated American policy and sought to crush efforts to improve relations.

Mr Paul Nitze, the senior arms control adviser, seems virtually alone in saying there is a chance for an agreed statement at the summit on guidelines for the course of the adjourned Geneva arms control talks;

proposal."

Mr Max Kampelman, the chief American arms negotiator in Geneva, has returned to Washington with the other senior members of his team to prepare language on guidelines that might be acceptable to the Soviet Union. Disagreement over President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative remains far and away the main stumbling block.

Both Moscow and Washington seem determined to forget the strange case of Mr Miroslav Medvid, the Ukranian seaman whose apparent defection attempts irritated relations for several days. Mr Robert Dole, the Republican leader in the Senate, said the case was closed.

The Administration is convinced that Mr Medvid changed his mind because of threats his parents could be harmed if he did not return. His ship, the 120,000-ton grain ship Marshal Koniev, is now in international waters

President Mitterrand of France laying a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior beneath the Arc de Triomphe in Paris to mark Armistice Day yesterday.

Homes inferno after US planes collide

New Jersey (AP, NYT) – The pilots of a corporate jet and a small plane that collided on Sunday night over the New York suburb of Cliffside Park knew of the danger minutes before the crash, which burned down five residential buildings and killed at least five people, authorities said.

It had earlier been feared that the fuel-fed inferno had trapped 10 families in the buildings. All but one man, however, had been accounted for by yesterday morning, Captain Joseph Craparotta of the state police said.

Two victims were found in the Piper Cherokee, a light plane, that struck the front porch of two storey apartment building in near-by Fairview. A body was found beneath the wreckage.

The other plane, a Nabisco Brands Falcon 50 jet with two on board, hit two two-storey apartment buildings, levelling them and igniting a fire that engulfed three other structures.

At least eight people injured on the ground were treated at hospitals after the accident, which occurred in clear weather shortly after 5pm in Northern New Jersey across the Hudson River from Manhattan.

Authorities said transcripts of radio conersations showed the pilots had been aware of each other but the cause of the collision was not immediately known.

Mr Peter Nelson, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration, said that the jet was flying from Morristown Airport to Teterboro Airport, four miles west of the crash site.

He said the jet was makint its approach to Teterboro and was being directed by the control tower when communications were lost at 5:22pm. The main body of the jet, which apparently broke apart as it fell, came down on Cliff Street, in Cliffside Park.

According to transcripts of radio conversations, the pilot of the jet said he was clear of the area where the jet was supposed to be, Mr Nelson said.

A witness, Miss Donna LaSalle, aged 19, said she saw the collision from a shopping centre.

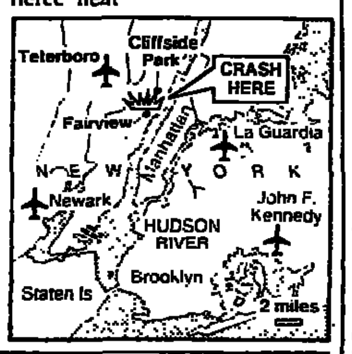
"A small plane was in front, going slow, then all of a sudden a very big plane going fast came up behind it. The big airplane just smashed into the small one," she said.

Another person said he heard a big explosion and "all I saw was a big flash through the air – a trail of flames going right down".

"The wing came over my house in flames," Mr Steve Lolis, aged 50, of Cliffside Park, said. "It was like a flying saucer on fire. By the time I got my family out, I saw the main body come down four houses from mine."

In Fairview, debris from the Piper Cherokee was strewn over eight blocks, said the Fire Commissioner, Mr Joseph Rutch. The planes also knocked down power lines leaving more than 1,400 homes without electricity. New York City police sent helicopters to illuminate the crash area.

The flames of the fires were extinguished on Sunday night but firemen were kept at bay until yesterday morning by the fierce heat



Constant fear of annihilation forces rueful dependence on generous aid from outside

In the first of two articles on Israeli defence spending, IAN MURRAY explains how the bloated military budget is giving rise to fears that Israel's independence is being undermined.

ISRAELI DEFENCE
Part 1

No other democratic country proportionately spends so much on its own defence as Israel and probably no other democratic country could politically afford to spend between a fifth and a quarter of its wealth – its gross domestic product – on its armed forces.

But in Israel a politician can win favour by protecting the size of the defence budget. "The people of Israel are honestly afraid that they will be wiped out by their enemies," Mr Yacov Arnon, a distinguished advocate of peace, admits. "We are strongly influenced by what they tried to do to us in the last war.

"That is why the peace front in Israel is not against a strong Army. There are no pacifists in Israel's peace front. We are all afraid and the politicians know it."

That is why Israel has always been prepared to pay heavily for its defence. Up until *1967 it spent about 10 per cent* of its GDP on it. But in 1967 the Six Day War increased Israel's defence needs and expenditure rose to 15 per cent of GDP and it stayed there until the Yom Kippur War in 1973.

The year of the war saw the defence budget rise to a staggering 35 per cent of GDP, but since then it has, according to Mr Arnon's figures, never gone below about 25 per cent. Official figures put it at around 18 per cent, but it is still much more than the country can afford on its own.

The Government's income is around $23 billion (£16 billion) a year, but more than half of that has to go on servicing the external debt. All that remains to run the country is $11 billion – and the defence requirement has now been pruned down to "just" $4 billion, from $5 billion two years ago.

The huge Israeli defence industry, which employs 18 per cent of the country's industrial workforce, is no help. Despite exports worth $850 million last year it is still a financial burden on the state. Buyers are harder and harder to find in a competitive world market where many countries refuse even to consider Israeli products, however good. Among the countries which are prepared to buy are those run by regimes Israel would politically prefer not to deal with.

The United States is an important customer, particularly for weapons like the Uzi sub-machine gun and the Galil assault rifle and for a range of spare parts for everything from F16 aircraft to anti-tank guns, for which Israel has been able to design improvements.

Typical of these is the special armour developed for the Israeli-made Merkeva tank, which is now being fitted to the Army's American M-60 Pattons and British Centurions. Because of this and advanced fire extinguisher equipment, not a single Israeli tank soldier suffered burn injuries during the Lebanon invasion.

The tank's biggest threat is probably the Israeli Hetz (Arrow) armour-piercing shell – a piece of equipment it does not want to see finding its way into the armoury of potential enemies.

But Israel's development success has lured it into trying to built its own all-purpose aircraft, the Lavi. This on its own already uses up $400 million a year – one tenth of the total defence budget – even though it is now clear that this will not be enough to create the world-beating aircraft it was meant to be.

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, complained this month that he had been forced to preside over the biggest cut in the military budget in the nation's history. The Government's tough austerity programme aimed at curing run-away inflation allows him only $2.6 billion. The rest has to come from American grants.

"There is no way we can cope without generous aid from outside," officials in the Defence Ministry ruefully admit. Israel therefore cannot run the risk of offending American policy, for fear that its essential aid will be cut off.

Israeli pride is saved by the argument that America is getting a good bargain for its money. Aid to Israel at the moment runs at no more than $4 billion. For that America has a totally reliable ally in one of the world's most volatile regions with a highly efficient army preventing a Communist take-over of the area. Not a single American soldier is needed. That compares with the $120 billion America spends supporting Nato and the enormous cost of keeping 30,000 American troops in Korea.

But Mr Arnon, a trained economist who was Director-General of the Israeli Treasury for 14 years, clearly sees that this level of dependence is turning Israel into a client state – however benign American influence may be.

He still believes that Israel will need to spend around 10 per cent of its GDP on defence even if the peace treaty he wants to see were negotiated. At that level American aid would not be essential and the economy could recover.

But others, like Professor Eliahu Kanovsky, an expert on Arab economies at Tel Aviv University, argue that a peace treaty could even add to Israel's military requirements.

He believes that Jordan would be bound to go on building up its defences against other Arab states if it signed a treaty with Israel.

In turn Israel would be forced to respond because it could never be sure that King Husain would stay in power and that Jordanian armies with their modern equipment would not one day fight Israel again.

Even if Israel were given the weapons, the professor says, it would have to find the money to base and maintain them – an amount equal to double their value. Peace would therefore be more expensive than the present armed stand-off.

Whatever the arguments, whether peace comes or not, there have to be cuts.

Tomorrow: Pruning problems

Whitlam keeps fires of rage burning

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

A decade ago Mr Gough Whitlam, whose radical Labour Government had just been dismissed by the Queen's representative in Canberra, exhorted his supporters in words which have become immortal in Australian politics: "Maintain your rage."

Yesterday, the tenth anniversary of the decision by Sir John Kerr, the Governor-General, which precipitated the biggest political upheaval in Australian history, the former Prime Minister was in more pacific mood.

But Mr Whitlam, aged 69, and now Australia's ambassador to Unesco, insists the lessons of his dismissal must never be forgetten. "The basic flaw in the constitution exposed on November 11, 1975, was that it enshrined a monarchical system," he said yesterday. "The development of a true Australian identity will inexorably lead us to become a republic."

Ten years ago yesterday Mr Whitlam, whose beleagured Government had run into severe economic difficulties and been unable to get approval for it budget because it did not command a majority in the Senate, went to Government House to advise Sir John to call a half-Senate election. When he came out he was no longer Prime Minister. The Governor-General, citing what he said was a deadlock between the two houses on money supply, had declined the advice, dismissed the Government and appointed Mr Malcolm Fraser, leader of the Liberal Opposition, as head of a caretaker government pending new elections.

Mr Whitlam is back in Australia to promote his book on his years in government, 1972 to 1975. Simultaneously, the nation had relived every aspect of the crisis, which has been pored over and reexamined in every detail by radio, television and the press.

Ironcially, although a decade ago it was spoken of as a threat to democracy itself in Australia and a potential catalyst for violence in the streets, the upheaval brought little change.

The views of the people involved have certainly not changed. Mr Whitlam, if good-humoured in other respects, has maintained his rage against Sir John.

For his part Sir John still believes his decision was the right one.

Mr Fraser, who won the subsequent election by a landslide and stayed on in power until 1983, would not have anything different either. Old grudges appear to have died in his case and the present Labour Government has appointed him to represent Australia on the Commonwealth panel on South Africa.

Even the views of Australians polled on the issue at stake have remained substantially the same, and evenly divided. A survey after the dismissal found 49 per cent of voters thought Sir John had acted correctly, while 48 per cent thought him wrong.

A survey published yesterday found 38 per cent now think he was right against 40 per cent, the remainder being undecided.

Cricketer wins libel damages

The West Indian cricketer Clive Lloyd, who also captains Lancashire, was awarded Aus £100,000 (£47,850) by the privy Council in London yesterday for defamation in a Melbourne newspaper.

The four Law Lords, headed by Lord Keith of Kinkel, allowed Mr Lloyd's appeal against a 2-1 majority decision of the Appeal Court of New South Wales in favour of David Syme & Co Ltd, publishers of the Melbourne *The Age*.

Mr Lloyd had complained of an article in January, 1982, after the West Indies had failed to beat Australia in a one-day World Cup Series Match – rain stopped play and Australia were declared the winners on a better run rate.

If West Indies had won they would have met Pakistan in the final, instead of Australia, which would have created less interest among Australian spectators.

Mr Lloyd contended that the article, headed "Come on dollar, come on," implied that he had committed a fraud on the public for financial gain in prearranging with others the result of a cricket match. The publishers denied it had that meaning.

Lord Keith, deciding the case in Mr Lloyd's favour, said the interests of justice were against allowing a new trial.

With Lords Elwyn Jones, Riskill and Griffiths agreeing, the Privy Council, the final appeal court for the Commonwealth, restored the Australian jury's original verdict in favour of Mr Lloyd.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

USSR:

Vladas Lapienis

By Caroline Moorehead

An economist, aged 79, repeatedly in trouble with the authorities for his outspoken views, is serving a new four-year sentence for his memoirs of life inside a Soviet labour camp.

Vladas Lapienis, a Lithuanian from the town of Vilnius, is in poor health and friends fear he may not survive his time in a camp.

Mr Lapienis was first arrested in 1976 and charged with duplicating and disseminating the *Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania*, a leading *samizdat* journal, for which he received a five-year prison sentence. Not long after his release, he was again arrested and taken to Vilnius KGB Isolation Prison, the authorities having confiscated his handwritten *Memoirs of a Soviet Prisoner*.

That was in February, 1984. In prison, Mr Lapienis' health began to deteriorate and he was released, the KGB keeping his internal passport and forbidding him to leave Vilnius.

Less than a year later, after posters showing his photograph and the words "Wanted Criminal" appeared at railway stations, Mr Lapienis once again was arrested, having made his way to Kaunas, about 60 miles west of Vilnius, in search of medical treatment for a suppurating leg wound. He has been held since then.

Mr Lapienis: wrote about life in a labour camp.

European boost for Contadora efforts

From Richard Owen, Luxembourg

European foreign ministers yesterday agreed with their counterparts from five Central American countries on a co-operation pact of economic aid and political dialogue.

The pact, which is due to be signed today, is seen as a European contribution to greater political stability in the region and a boost to the Contadora peace group. EEC officials said, however, that it was most unlikely to include anything as drastic as the sending of peace-keeping forces, as some pressure groups had demanded.

The five Central American signatories are Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua and El Salvador. The meeting was also attended by the Contadora group consisting of Mexico, Panama, Venezuela and Colombia.

There was discord within the Central American side over regional peace efforts, with a dispute between Honduras and Nicaragua. Dr Edgardo Paz Bárnica, the Honduras Foreign Minister, said Nicaragua was a cause of regional instability and could not play a role in the peace process unless it reduced its arms imports.

Señor Victor Hugo Tinoco, Nicaragua's Deputy Foreign Minister, said Nicaragua would not do so as long as the US threatened Nicaragua by its armed presence in Honduras.

Dr Paz replied that Nicaragua had received Soviet military aid amounting to $500 million (£352 million) last year, and said American military advisers would leave Honduras when Nicaraguan troop levels were reduced.

The ministers averted a clash over a proposed clause indirectly taking Nicaragua to task by emphasizing the need for political democracy and human rights in Central America.

It was agreed that a human rights clause would be read into the council record with a statement describing the cooperation agreement as "regional and non-discriminatory", meaning in effect that Nicaragua should not be excluded from EEC aid becuase of its internal policies.

Diplomats said European dialogue with Central America was intended to give the region "links with someone other than the two superpowers".

A Shadow Council on Central America, made up of European politicians and church men, issued a statement in Luxembourg calling for a permanent European Contadora support group and European "contributions" where there was a danger of Central American confrontation.

Paris patient dies during Aids cure experiment

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

One of two patients receiving treatment for Aids at the Laennec Hospital in Paris has died, one of the three doctors involved in the treatment said yesterday.

Professor Philippe Even said the patient, a man aged 38 being treated with the drug cyclosporine to halt the advancement of Aids, also was suffering from serious infections in different parts of his body which, to- gether with an intolerance to medicine not linked to cyclosporine, caused his death.

The professor said this death would not affect their experiments with cyclosporine, which he hoped would be extended to Aids patients in other French hospitals.

At the end of October, Professor Even and two colleagues caused consternation in the international medical world by calling a press conference to announce the discovery of the cyclosporine treatment.

The announcement was considered premature and based on insufficient evidence.

East bans mail bearing West German refugee stamp

From Frank Johnson
Bonn

Three Soviet bloc countries so far – and possibly more to come – have told their postmen not to deliver any letters or packages from West Germany which carry a certain commemorative stamp.

The stamp, which will be issued here today for internal and external use, celebrates the 40th anniversary of what the West German Government regards as the integration, into what were then the Western zones of Occupied Germany, of the many millions of refugees and people expelled from the German-speaking areas of the East.

This integration was one of the triumphs of post-war West Germany. Unlike the economic miracle, it has been relatively unsung in other countries. This is probably because, of all the people wandering and suffering in the Europe of 1945, the Germans were the ones least likely to arouse sympathy then or now, especially since many of them had only recently themselves been oppressors, or supporters of oppression. Also, the more vocal of them have since formed themselves into organizations in West Germany which can easily be depicted as "revanchist".

But perhaps 17 million people – equal to the present population of East Germany – were successfully integrated into the truncated and impoverished Germany of 1945. Many were old, young or sick. Jobs were found for the able-bodied ones as result of the Economic Miracle, which can now be seen to have started with Dr Erhard's currency reform of 1948. About two million of them never reached the Economic Miracle. That is the figure for the number said to have died, or been murdered, on the way westwards.

In the newspapers, speeches, and television programmes of the Eastern bloc however, the refugees are constantly depicted as plotting to seize back the eastern territories aided by "reactionary circles" in West Germany. These circles, depending on the Communist countries' relations with Bonn at any given moment, are sometimes presented as embracing the Federal Government itself. The reality is that very few of the refugees – if such they can be called 40 years later – have much to do with the West German refugee organizations. But the standard wisdom is that they form a "voting block". So the Christian Democrats feel it necessary from time to time to conciliate them.

The three Eastern countries already rejecting the stamp are Poland, East Germany and Bulgaria.

Czechoslovakia, from whose Sudetenland came one of the largest expelled groups, has not so far deployed its postmen against the invading stamp. But it is assumed here that it may find a way to do so. Czechoslovakia's difficulty is that no one of any consequence in the history of federal Germany has ever suggested that the Sudetenland, which was ceded to the Third Reich by the Munich Agreement of 1938, should become part of Germany again.

The federal Government's position on the once-German territories which now lie in Poland is more complicated and easily open to East European propaganda. It is that West Germany lays no claim to the territories and recognizes all existing national frontiers in Europe, but that Bonn cannot commit the government of any future unified Germany to that view because it has no legal powers to do so.

On a less rarefied level, spokesmen for East European Communist governments here say that the West Germans are issuing issued the stamp in November, two weeks before the deadline for Christmas mail to the East, just to make them look unseasonal by banning it. The advice of the West German Post Office is that the stamp should be used only for mail internally and to the West.

The stamp carrying the words "40 years of integration of German refugees from their homeland". It shows the German national colours of red, black and gold against a background of grey and brown – the design symbolizing the full integration.

Scientists deny Bhopal cyanide gas claim

From Kuldip Nayar, Delhi

India's leading medical research organization responded to allegations that cyanide was responsible for deaths in the Bhopal gas disaster with a statement that many of the victims had not died of cyanide poisoning and deaths resulting from a leak of methyl isocyanate could not be ruled out.

The Observer said on Sunday that 2,500 people had died because cyanide gas had not been identified earlier. Union Carbide, owner of the Bhopal plant, says that only methyl isocyanate leaked from the plant despite evidence of some cyanide poisoning.

The Indian Council of Medical Research said it had never stated that methyl isocyanate was not involved and denied withholding information which could have aided the treatment of victims. However it said the "possibility" of cyanide being involved was being examined.

The council had recommended treating the Bhopal victims with sodium thiosulphate, the antidote to cyanide poisoning. It was suggested after hundreds of post mortem examinations of victims which had disclosed the cherry red colour of their blood and caused mild poisoning by doctors performing the examinations.

Dr V. Ramalingaswamy, Director-General of the council, said: "There is no specific antidote against methyl isocyanate and since the evidence pointed towards cyanide we did not want to wait until final proof was obtained.

Mr Misra, head of the medicine department at Bhopal's Hamidia Hospital, has refuted the council's findings

Union Carbide also maintains no other gas leaked besides methyl iscyanate

Harvest shortfall forces Sudan to launch world famine appeal

From Gill Lusk, Khartoum

Sudan will soon launch an international appeal for funds to buy food to avert famine in drought-stricken areas in the coming year, it was confirmed yesterday.

This first official confirmation that the famine in Sudan is far from over came at a meeting of relief workers and potential donors in Khartoum, under the auspices of the United Nations emergency relief operation in Sudan.

Hopes that the drought emergency might be over were crushed when the rains failed in those parts of the country already hardest hit by the 1984 drought: northern Darfur, northern Kordofan and the Red Sea Hills. In many other areas that received reasonable rainfall, this year's crop has been destroyed by pests, or farmers were to weak to plant and weed their fields.

"We estimate that four million people are still in need of food aid for next year," the Finance Minister, Mr Awad Abdul Majeed, told *The Times*. "We should pool resources that should be available from the intenational community to buy local grain."

Estimates vary of the amount of grain that will be available on the home market or that will be needed to feed the starving. The Government puts requirements at 725,000 tonnes of sorghum, the main local staple cereal, while four international voluntary agencies last month asked for 400,000 tonnes, a figure they now report should be almost 50 per cent higher in the light of the harvest still coming in. The UN body prefers a more conservative estimate of 380,000 tonnes.

The arguments over figures are reminiscent of squabbles at the same time last year, when donors spent precious weeks debating whether 300 or 400 grammes per day of grain was an accurate assessment of minimum needs. In the event, few people received even this tiny amount, due to transport delays.

Many now fear that the 1986 relief food will arrive even later than this year's. "This time last year, grain was on its way to Sudan," said Mr Chris Eldridge, who headed the Save the Children Fund relief operation in Darfur and is now in charge of the agency's Sudan office. "Right now, there's nothing on the table: no cash and no grain actually promised."

Voluntary agencies feel that donors have been misled by earlier talk of good rains and the promise of a grain surplus in the country as a whole, and have been extremely reluctant to put their hands in their pockets for further aid.

The problem is to get the grain out of the hands of the rich mechanized farmers who have produced this year's crop in Kassala province and into the mouths of destitute subsistence farmers and nomads

One of 19 rare Père David deer, restored to the breed's original habitat by the Marquess of Tavistock (above), bolting through a gate at Nanhaizi, the old imperial hunting park, near Peking.

The Deer were saved from extinction by the eleventh Duke of Bedford (the Marquess's great-grandfather) before they died out in China about 1900 (Mary Lee writes).

Another three will go to Shanghai Zoo. All were returned to China at the expense of the Marquess,

Japan's whisky upsets EEC

From David Watts, Tokyo

The European Economic Community yesterday released a two-volume study on wine and liquor exports to Japan which documents "heavy discrimination" against imported wine and whisky.

European wine and whisky suffers from discrimination in both classification and levels of taxation. Tax on imported scotch is equivalent to 41 times that on top-grade domestic distilled shochu and twice that on first grade domestic whisky. The EEC says Japanese whisky could not be legally classified as such anywhere else in the world, so high is the content of industrial alcohol.

Wine sold as "Japanese wine," often with a well-known German or French brand name, is largely composed of imported bulk European, Bulgarian or, Argentinian wine. Rates of duty on bottled wines are up to 9.3 times those on bulk wines

The EEC is calling on the Japanese to change their tax system on alcoholic drinks to one based solely on the percentage of alcoholic content

The Japanese Government coincidentally released a report yesterday on commission margins on imported products taken by importers, wholesalers and retailers.

Seventy per cent of the price of imported whisky went to such middlemen, the report said.

● SEOUL: EEC and South Korean officials will begin two days of talks here today on trade and economic co-operation (Reuter reports).

Socialists keep to the left in France

**From Susan MacDonald
Paris**

The Socialist Party remains resolutely left-wing, despite recent pointers that there might have been a shift towards centre. This is the message to come out of the party's gruelling national convention, held over the weekend to draw up legislative and regional election lists for the general elections next March and to define campaign strategy.

M Lionel Jospin, the party secretary, and M Michel Rocard, former Minister of Agriculture, who appear for the moment to have settled their differences, set the scene for the reinforcement of the true Socialist credo.

"The right," said M Jospin, "is more right-wing than ever and we must be no less left-wing." "We have dusted off our Socialist banner," said Mr Rocard. "Now is the moment to lift it high."

This united, and truly Socialist, front has not been easy to achieve. Last August serious differences of opinion between M Jospin and M Rocard over Socialism aims, led the latter to present a separate motion at the party congress in October.

At the congress it was, in fact, the Prime Minister, M Laurent Fabius, whose rousing speech carried the day. Now M Fabius's more pragmatic form of Socialism seems to have been pushed aside. This new rallying cry for a "new look Socialism" is in answer to the right-wing parties' accent on curbing immigration and full-scale denationalization if they win the March elections.

For both sides the key questions of unemployment, the economy and immigration will figure largely in their election campaigns.

The introduction of proportional representation has necessitated drawing up new lists for each voting district. The trick lies in satisfying the demands of local Socialists in each district while protecting the interests of important Socialist Party figures.

The four main Socialist Party factions have been taken care of. The Rocardians have declared themselves pleased with their 28 candidates and women Socialists have obtained 9 per cent of the total places, having mounted a mini-demonstration at the party conference to ensure their interests were not overlooked.

Kremlin sets bold income targets

**From Christopher Walker
Moscow**

The Kremlin has published details of an ambitious economic plan to raise the *per capita* income of the Soviet people by more than half by the turn of the century.

Details of the draft plan, which will be presented to the 27th Communist Party Congress next February, have been released by the official news agency Tass. They are seen as a key element in the drive by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, to revive the sluggish economy.

The programme for the next five-year period to 1990 would increase *per capita* income by between 13-15 per cent, and by 60 and 80 per cent by the year 2000.

Western diplomats remain sceptical that many of the targets, especially the longer-term ones, can be achieved, given the economic inertia and the obstacles imposed by Soviet bureaucracy.

According to the draft plan, production of non-food consumer goods is set to grow by between 80 and 90 per cent and services by 110 to 130 per cent.

By 1990 nearly every family must be provided with its own flat or private house. At present, flat-sharing is common.

The continuing diversion of resources to the huge defence budget was revealed in the section which acknowledged that the deteriorating international situation had obliged the Soviet Union to make "additional efforts" to maintain its defences.

The planners set a target of 240 million to 255 million tonnes for annual grain production, despite the failure of recent grain harvests to come near those figures. The pay of workers on collective farms was to be raised by more than that of workers in shops and offices.

The enormous problems facing Mr Gorbachov in improving the lot of the average consumer were highlighted recently in the trade union paper *Trud*, which sent out 30 journalists nationwide to discover why fewer vegetables are reaching the shops this year than in 1984, despite increased production.

The paper dismissed claims by a senior official that the weather was mainly to blame. It cited dismally poor transport as one reason for the latest round of shortages.

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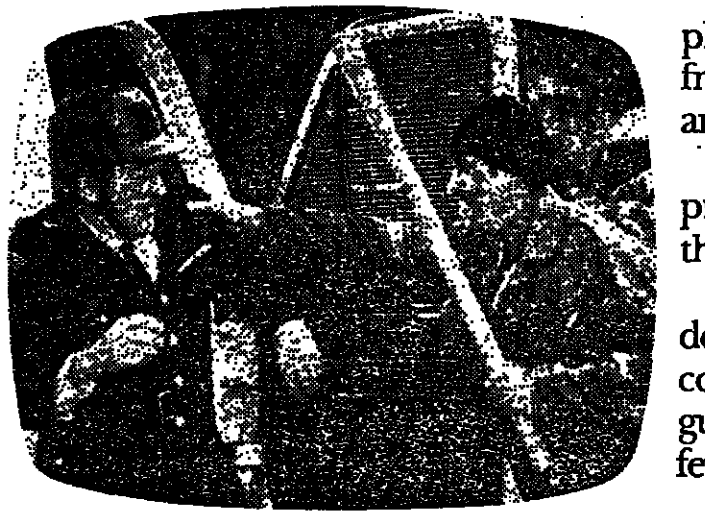

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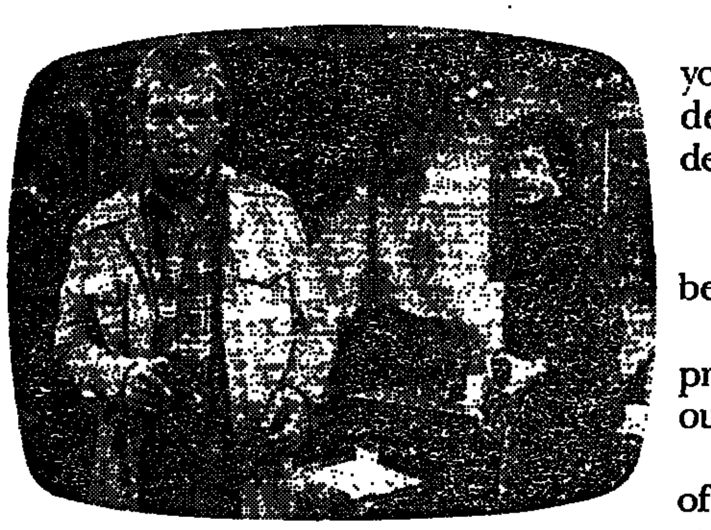

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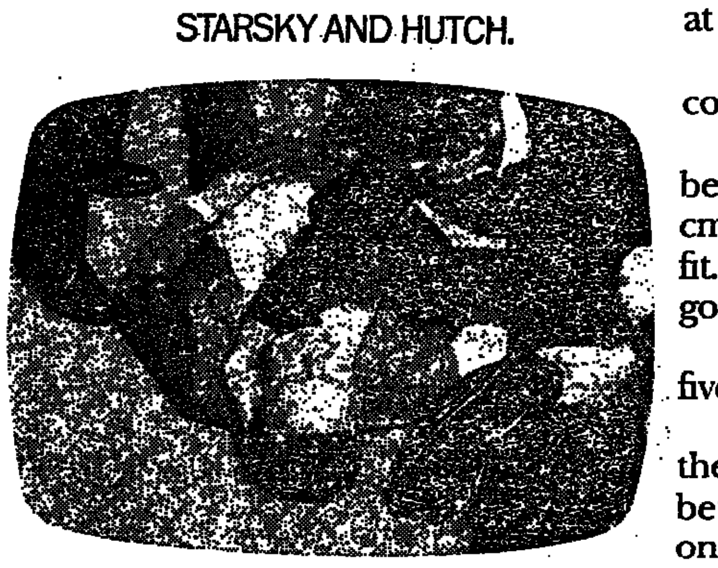

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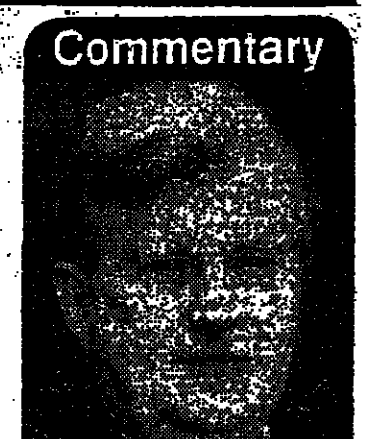

Geoffrey Smith

A senior White House official told me in Washington last week that the chance of an arms control deal with the Soviet Union would be practically nil unless considerable progress was made on the regional conflicts that particularly concerned the United States in Afghanistan, Africa and Central America.

He would not specify whether the United States had to be satisfied with assurances on all these areas. It was rather a matter of the Soviet attitude revealed in the discussions.

This was not a return to the doctrine of diplomatic linkage in the sense of offering the Soviet Union a certainty of reward in return for particular concessions. But, speaking with unusual emphasis, he was at pains to make it clear that agreement on regional issues was a necessary condition for progress in other fields.

The US has decided to harden its line

This went much further than Mr Reagan had gone in his United Nations speech last month. While emphasizing the importance of regional issues, the President did not declare than that Mr Gorbachov would have to satisfy the United States on these questions before there could be an arms control settlement. Clearly, the Administration has decided to harden its line.

There is both a substantive and a tactical reason for doing so. But the President and his advisers will have to be careful that they do not fall into a trap of their own making.

The substantive reason is that the prospects for arms control will inevitably be influenced by the degree of confidence between the two sides. That confidence is in turn bound to be affected by Soviet behaviour around the world.

If it were to be announced, for example, that Soviet forces were being withdrawn from Afghanistan, that would naturally incline Mr Reagan to share Mrs Thatcher's belief that Mr Gorbachov is a man with whom it is possible to do business. There is, therefore, a connection between regional issues and disarmament, whether or not this is openly acknowledged by either government.

The tactical reason for the United States toughening its position is that it will not be able to bring legitimate pressure to bear upon the Soviet Union unless it takes a strong line before Mr Reagan sits down with Mr Gorbachov.

As on any negotiations, the Soviet leader needs to be given to consider his response. For Mr Reagan to be more demanding at The Summit than Mr Gorbachov had been led to expect would be a recipe for disaster and recriminations.

This is the time to make sure that neither the Soviet Union nor Western public opinion has any illusions. This consideration seems to have been in the forefront of the Administration's mind last week when the impression was being conveyed in Washington that Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, had been disappointed by his visit to Moscow.

The talks may have been tough, but he can hardly have expected Mr Gorbachov to start making serious concessions before getting to the summit.

There would, however, be a double risk it the United States were to go so far as to make the solution of regional problems an absolute condition for a disarmament agreement.

Excuse for ducking the issue

This would probably be interpreted by international opinion, especially in Europe, as an excuse for ducking the issue of arms control. It would also suggest that the Reagan Administration was failing to put arms control in proper perspective.

Disarmament must not be seen as a concession for Mr Gorbachov. Any settlement which confers a one-sided advantage upon the Soviet Union would not be worth having. But an agreement that would be of at least equal benefit to the West should not in the final analysis be rejected because other problems remained outstanding.

Arms control should be respected as a subject in its own right. To say that the prospect will be affected by regional problems is no more than the truth. But the United States should be careful to leave it at that. A wise negotiator does not put handcuffs on his own wrists to impress his opponents.

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Christopher Walker Moscow

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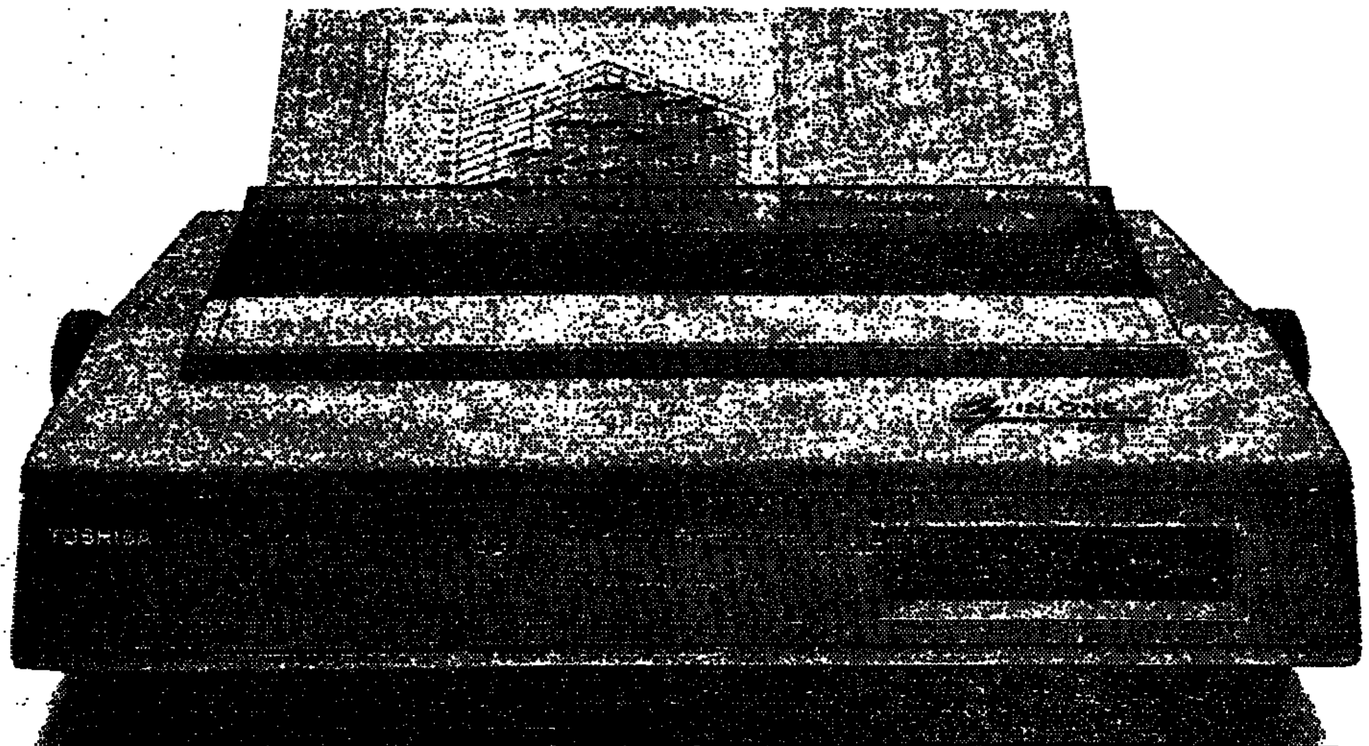

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Both leader and conductor look beautifully pleased with themselves on the front cover of their new free programmes. It would be a pity if the new-found confidence and morale which the Royal Philharmonic have been showing under the musical directorship of André Previn were to be too quickly dissipated in programming and interpretation as relatively flaccid as that on Sunday night.

The evening's central focus was the European premiere of *Ulysses' Bow*, a ballet in five scenes by the Massachusetts-based composer John Harbison. The second of his *Odyssey* ballets, it was composed for Previn and the Pittsburgh Symphony as part of the composer's residency with the orchestra, and it shows a bold hand and a keen ear for a colourful and characterful band. The five scenes (compare Monteverdi's *Il ritorno d'Ulisse* for subject matter) toy, in their more sharp-edged moments, with the burnished Tippett of *Priam*: the four short, emblematic interludes make ritual gestures in the direction of Stravinsky.

The rest is comfortably dissonant, colourfully tonal and accessible to a fault. If the listener conscientiously follows the story, the translation from narrative to aural meaning is as instant as painting-by-numbers. If one listens to it as an orchestral suite, there is just too little substance to hold the attention. This *Ulysses* really does, I suspect, need the wordless, visual intermediary of dance to focus and embody its 30 minutes.

The evening's ballast was to be provided by Brahms's Violin Concerto. Itzhak Perlman's certainly was a weighty performance, but heavy with reassurance rather than rediscovery. At worst, the lack of live ideas led to some fuzziness of ensemble. At best, in their tempo choices, their rounding of rhythmic contours and polishing of textural surfaces, Previn and Perlman between them made it seem as if they had played it and we had heard it just once too often.

Hilary Finch

Capricorn

Wigmore Hall

The publishing house of Josef Weinberger is celebrating its centenary in the best possible way: with a series of six concerts featuring much of its own material. And a mixed bag it is, as the chamber group Capricorn amply demonstrated in the fifth recital of the series on Sunday.

There was a distinctly sombre air to the first half of this event. In the Finnish composer Einojuhani Rautavaara's impressive Third String Quartet, Op 18, which won a Camden Festival prize back in 1967, the overriding impression is of a deep melancholy manifested in expressive, dense counterpoints.

Seemingly equally dark in outlook is André Tchaikowsky's *Trio Notturno*, Op 6, a response to Hans Keller's assertion that piano and strings are incompatible. (Incidentally it was to the memory of Keller, who died last week, that this performance was dedicated.) Tchaikowsky does not, though, achieve the disparity he intended to emphasize. The shared material and dovetailing of ideas works against the polarization of instrumental types, though the piece is beautifully crafted all the same.

The group's pianist, the excellent Julian Jacobson, also gave Wilfred Josephs's Second Piano Sonata, a gritty, commendably organic piece which, though dramatically explosive, seemed here to strive for little else but immediate effect. And we shall pass diplomatically over Malcolm Williamson's Partita for viola on themes by Walton, well though Susie Mészáros played it.

Finally, though, there was Franz Schmidt's G major Piano Quintet of 1926, which, while it might not be the most advanced music of its day, is nevertheless hard to surpass as an example of post-Brahmsian expressiveness. Splendidly committed performances all.

Stephen Pettitt

Opera

Cinderella

University of Warwick

Cambridge Opera Group, who have won golden opinions in recent years for their production of Britten's church parables and of the *Tales of Hoffmann*, have now taken a name more indicative of the kind of work they do: they are English Touring Opera, and their first offering under the new label is a cut-down version of Rossini's *Cinderella*, performed in English with a great deal of charm and vim.

As before with *Hoffmann*, Graham Vick has come up with a staging that is practicable for touring and yet also alive.

We are in a rather shoddy little circus, and if this evokes groans that there have been a few too many operatic circuses of late, then it ought to be pointed out that this production was originally mounted for Scottish Opera Go Round in January 1981, well before such things as the WNO *Carmen*.

Also the very willingness of the production is its own justification. The cast have apparently undergone training in gymnastics and juggling, but most of them are still not very good at their circus skills, which matters not at all: they establish very quickly that easy-going rapport with their audience.

It perhaps matters a bit more that the singing should be a trifle insecure as well. Rossini is devilishly hard, as one becomes very fully aware. Still, Yvonne Howard moved forward in confidence as the opera continued, without losing her innocence and gentle warmth, and Stewart Buchanan showed off a nice smiling humorous style as Dandini.

There was, too, bright youthful tone from Harry Nicholl as the Prince, and some lovely singing from Colin Iveson as Alidoro. Margaret Perry, Maxine Symons and David Marsh all provided comic turns as the Magnifico family.

Jonathan Dove's skilful rescoring for a dozen instrumentalists is excellently played under Simon Halsey: it is fascinating to hear Rossini as chamber music, and the version soon develops its own authenticity.

Altogether this is a pleasurable venture well worth a visit during the course of its lengthy tour. But bone up on the final chorus before you go.

Paul Griffiths

London debut

Arthur Janzen chose London's first real winter night for the *Winterreise* which marked his London debut. It was a courageous choice, and particularly so for a tenor, but it just failed to recreate the peculiar chill of Schubert's "shuddering" settings of Wilhelm Müller.

Janzen's tenor is light, well-groomed, and worn with great charm. But it was the grooming of which were primarily aware: the rhythmic exactness, the assiduous word-placing, the calculated dotting of every "i" and "t", weakened the cycle's own impetus and seemed to shackle rather than liberate any overall interpretative concept Janzen might have had.

With a voice both agile and capable of sustaining the full weight of "Das Wirtshaus" and "Die Nebensonnen", Janzen needs to assimilate longer, dare more, but be supported by more courageous playing than the sensitive but small-scale accompanying of Johannes Jensen.

Hilary Finch

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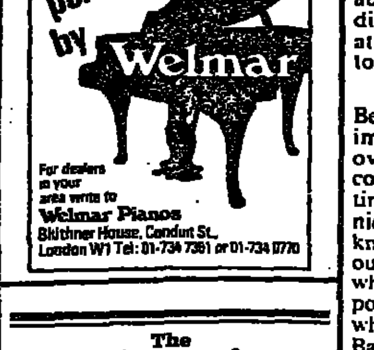

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The innovative artist **Kurt Schwitters** may seem to have many imitators, but fifty years on his work remains inimitable

Organized spontaneity

Kurt Schwitters

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Edward Totah

Though it would probably not be too good for artists to think so, in art there really does seem to be nothing new under the sun. For the creator, ignorance of recent art history may well be bliss since it enables him, in perfect innocence, to set about reinventing the wheel, and if that would finally not be of much use to him, as least he may come up with some extraordinary trouvailles along the way. So if you know any art students, you had best warn them in the strongest possible terms against going to the large show of **Kurt Schwitters** at the Tate Gallery until January 5: they might find it too discouraging to discover that just about everything they think of as new and vital and different in the art of today was being done, and done superlatively, more than half a century ago.

To begin with, Schwitters was very importantly a conceptual artist. For him, as for so many figures connected with the Dada movement, the whole life-gesture was the most significant thing, then the idea behind the work, and then, often a poor third, the way the work was physically executed. A lot of the very early pieces, the mixtures of drawing and collage, have a rather attractive feeling of insouciance about how they are made and what they are made of – especially now, when many of the little bits of newsprint and poor-quality papers of other sorts are all yellow and brittle and on the point of crumbling away. But if the art-works were in a sense by-products of the central activity, which was no less than life itself, it is clear that Schwitters possessed, even unawares, enough of the artist's feeling for the redemption and transformation of physical reality into another order of being to give his work a lasting ability to charm, amuse, or even shock or horrify us.

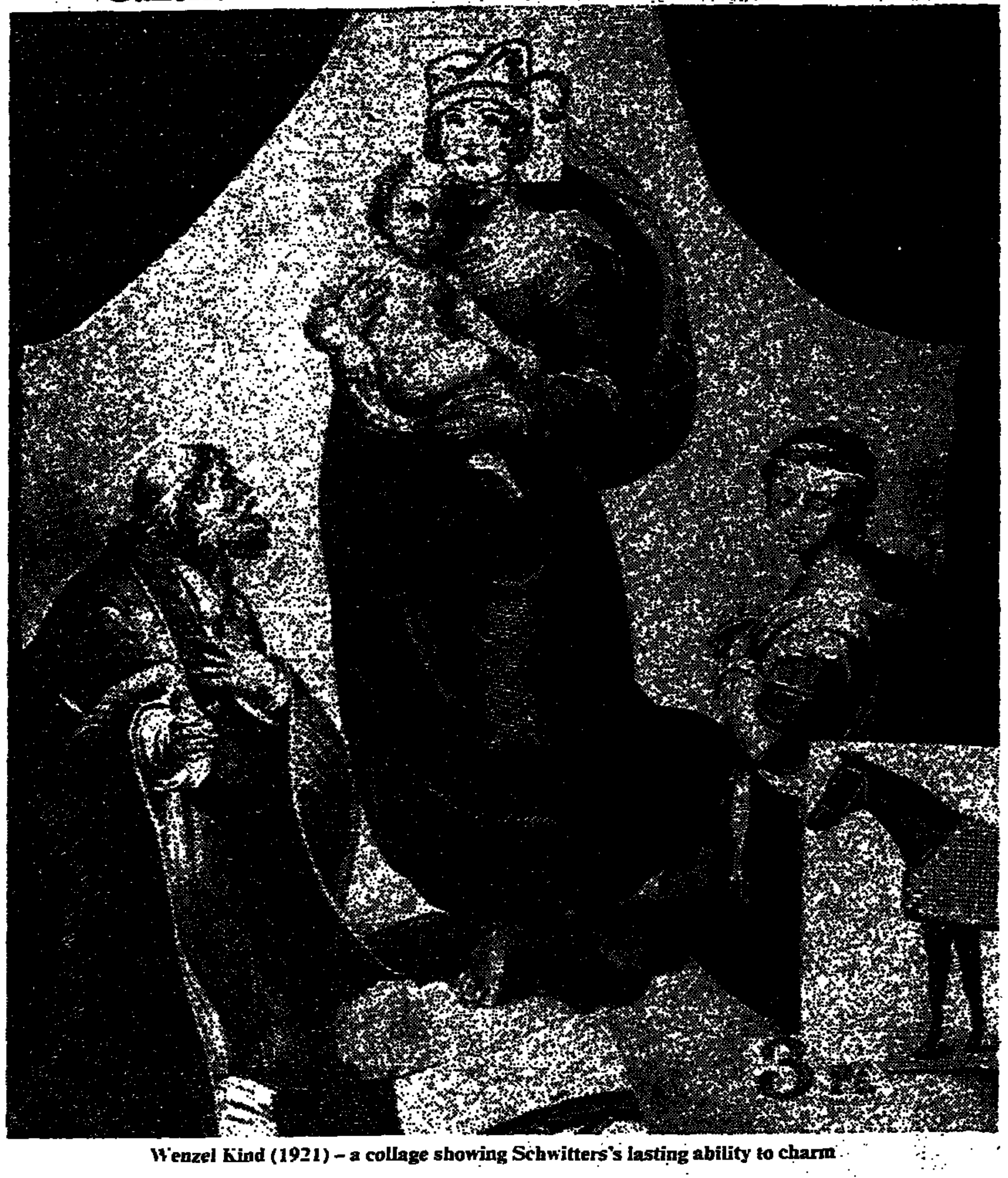
Not, be it said, in the paintings proper: Schwitters seems never to have had any noticeable talent as a painter, and he wisely soon left the process far behind, only returning to it, over-hopefully, out of dire physical necessity in his later years of exile, in search of an honest penny or sensible piece of barter. (Quite rightly, these later portraits and landscapes have been excluded here, though I suppose that they too could be made modish to the sort of perverse taste which finds middle-period de Chirico the acme of his genius.) The relatively free-form early collages, with their confetti of small coloured papers, their odd emphatic word of phrase, have a true artistic instinct lacking in the paintings: if only Schwitters could have contrasted colours and textures as subtly in paint as in waste materials, his fortune would probably have been made.

However, he moved on in the direction of Constructivism, cutting out and pasting up his pieces of paper with a stricter sense of the straight line, a stronger feeling for the machine than for the organic. The fully sculptural constructions are often splendidly simple and alive; the wall-pieces, either two-dimensional or in low relief, have an extraordinary feeling of tight organization beneath their apparent spontaneity. And there it looks for a moment as though Schwitters might stick: it is astonishing, for example, to see two pieces side-by-side, one dating from 1923 and the next from 1941-42, and really not be able to guess which is later, or indeed that there is any time-gap at all between them.

Despite his having anticipated so much in recent art, Schwitters remains *sui generis*, difficult to compare with anyone else, and an impossible act to follow. Perhaps it would not be so bad, after all, for the new art student to meet Schwitters, since all one could really aim to imitate in him is his own inimitability. In any case, knowledge in itself is not necessarily perilous: the poet rightly specifies that it is *a little* learning which is a dangerous thing.

R. B. Kitaj is a perfect example of the artist who has jumped triumphantly from innocence to experience without any noticeable period of hesitation in between. As the show of recent work at Marlborough Fine Art until December 20 amply demonstrates, Kitaj is learned in the ways of past artists, and in the ways of quite different arts, such as the film.

In the present show, which is nearly all of work completed in the last five years, one can sense immediately Kitaj's admiration for Degas, or for Goya, or even here and there for his friend David Hockney – not to mention less apparent debts to Bassano, Balthus, Cézanne, Titian and others. Yet you would never be in any doubt that you are looking at Kitaj. The typical quality comes, if in any one place, in the breathtaking sureness with which stylistic elements are juxtaposed and apparent contraries fused. Part of the painting may be deliberately coarse and rough-hewn, with harsh and garish colours; and right next door is draughtsmanship of the utmost grace and refinement, the most delicate and sensitive application of colour. And somehow they cohabit with ease. The subject-matter includes vivid portraits of friends, famous and obscure, and of Kitaj's own baby son: intricate theatrical reference in the studies for the Old Vic screen, film reference in *Amerika (John Ford on his Death Bed)*, and mysterious grotesquery like the *Rock Garden (The Nation)* garnished with detached heads.



Wenzel Kind (1921) – a collage showing Schwitters's lasting ability to charm

Kitaj shows here as a mature and successful artist, excitingly at the height of his powers – the list of lenders (the Metropolitan, New York; the Tate; Cleveland Museum of Art; the Norwegian National Gallery) tells its own story. **Francis West**, at 49 only four years younger than Kitaj, is actually only now having his first one-man West End show, at Edward Totah until November 30. It is difficult to imagine why, except possibly an extremely retiring disposition. This is certainly one of the most striking debuts we have seen for some years: the style is formed, but not fixed, and it is all West's own, along with his subject-matter, which weaves strange and sometimes supernatural fantasies round his native Scottish fishing village, or plucks symbolic moments from what might in other hands look like everyday life.

I say the style is his own, and yet at first glance you could immediately find yourself thinking of German Expressionists like Heckel or Schmidt-Rottluff: similar intense non-realistic colours, similar strong outlines.

It is all about the inner subjective life, as the Expressionists would have it, rather than about the world outside. But then that is the way West sees the world, and who, faced with these odd, powerful images, would feel in any position to argue with him?

John Russell Taylor

Celebrating the singer as painter

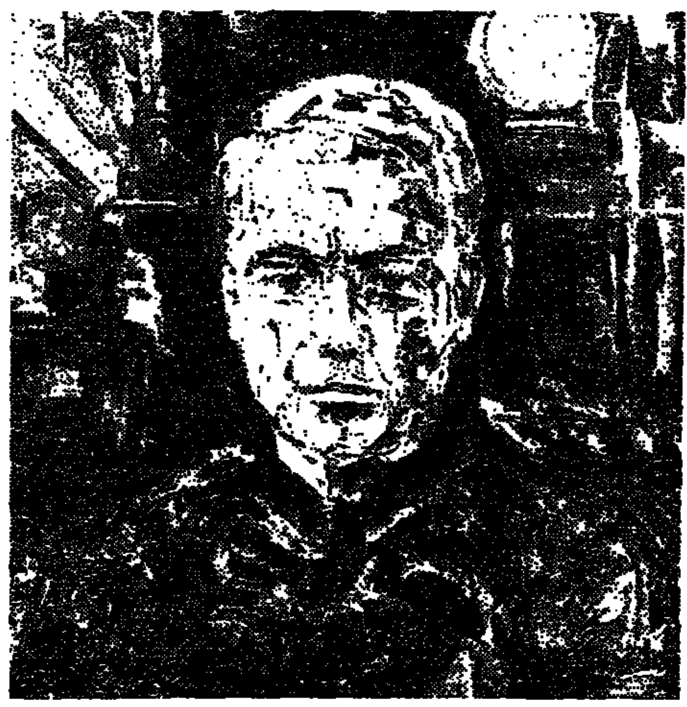
Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau continues to surprise us, and in surprising ways. As a master of the German *Lied*, he made one of his first important impressions on his British Army captors at the end of the 1939-1945 war: as the story goes, they detained him in a POW camp unusually long because of the song recitals he gladly presented.

To commemorate Fischer-Dieskau's 60th birthday this year, the Berlin Festival has not only sponsored four recitals (Schubert, Schumann, Mahler, Wolf) with the pianist Hartmut Höll in the Deutsche Oper Berlin but also organized an exhibition which shows, astonishingly, what Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau has done over the past 30 years, more or less in the closet, as a *painter*. Even more surprisingly, the pictures in this one-man show, in various media, provide solid evidence that one must take Fischer-Dieskau seriously not only as a singer, conductor, and musicologist but also as a painter. Thus far he has shied away from exhibiting for sale, but with Fischer-Dieskau, just as with Zurich's late psychoanalyst Fritz Morgenthaler, the thought arises that he could probably have made a substantial career solely as a painter.

Not surprisingly, one finds in these pictures frequent references to the primary profession. Two of them bear titles evoking songs from Schubert's cycle "Die schöne Müllerin", although both of them concentrate less on the songs' poems than on the artist's psychological associations with them: "Sei unsrer Schwester nicht bose" consists largely of colourful abstract swirls, and "Wohin?" displays an avant-garde fillip in attaching a sort of canvas patch to the larger canvas.

Entering the exhibition at the Berlin Festival Gallery, one immediately encounters an overall range of bold, bright colours and a forceful, sometimes almost aggressive technique (broad brush, palette knife). One oil, "Lear", obviously suggested by the opera which Aribert Reimann composed for Fischer-Dieskau and which he first performed at the Bavarian State Opera, dominates the show. Painted with broad, heavy strokes, it portrays an old man without eyes to see, but with other eyes, and symbols of eyes, all about him.

Fischer-Dieskau has done impressive portraits of fellow musicians, including his wife Julia Varady, the conductor Karl Böhm, and an especially striking acrylic portrayal of the great Soviet pianist Sviatoslav Richter, Fischer-Dieskau's occasional partner in recitals and recordings – not to mention a rather sombre, brooding self-portrait.



Self-portrait, painted this year

Although this show bears the title "Pictures from Three Decades", Fischer-Dieskau never exhibited anything at all until five years ago, when an art association in Bamberg, planning a show on the theme of duplex talents and gifts, persuasively approached the reticent artist – with such startling results that the show ultimately bore the subtitle "from E. T. A. Hoffmann to Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau". Then, only two years ago, five cities in Japan gave the singer his first one-man show as a painter.

If a few weaker items in the current exhibit fall into the category of weekend sketching and painting, the stronger ones – the majority of the works exhibited – provide ample evidence that as a painter, and not only as a musician, the astonishing Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau commands our serious attention and respect.

Paul Moor

Television

Curious case of national history

A man in a leather jacket appears on a throbbing motorbike. Over the traffic's roar we hear, incongruously, Wordsworth's poem on daffodils. It is our first sighting of Starkey and Hunch – Dr Starkey's hunch being that the image we have of England prior to the industrial revolution is wrong. It is at least a novel way of beginning a history series.

Once he had discarded his leathers, Dr Starkey, an historian from the London School of Economics, turned out to have the dipthongs and the looks of Roy Strong. His four-parter on the development of England's society and countryside is based on an "original idea" (sic) by him and his executive producer and called This Land of England (Channel 4).

In the opening programme this idea seemed very simplistic. Namely that far from being a bucolic, peaceful stable land England has always been in a state of constant change. To prove this devastating theory, Starkey visited three different levels of society. First, Broughton Castle, home for 21 generations of Fiennes. It was, he argued, only through good luck and good management, that the present owner and his silent wife – silent except for the odd "indeed" – still lived there. The history of their family's tenure at Broughton was not, as we might think, one of unqualified calm but of "one long crisis".

An early Fiennes, whispered Starkey in the cellar, had his head cut off and his naked body dragged at the tail of a horse. A later one was a Regency rake who had drunk absinthe "in quantities awful to behold". An even later one had been so fond of horses he had to sell off 4,000 acres, put his daughters out to grass and retire to Reading. By now one had begun to wonder if this showed signs of Starkey's hunch or a problem best kept to the family.

Coming down a peg, we next visited the Shropshire parish and backwater of Myddle. Sitting in church with the assembled village and taking as his text Richard Gough's *History of Myddle* (1701), Starkey enterprisingly used the pews – where everyone's seating reflected their financial status – to illustrate the village's social mobility over a given period.

There was a slight air of the bingo hall as the congregation enacted 50 years of change in as many seconds. Whether they were original decendants or not remained unclear, but it was an atmospheric way of showing history at work.

The final stop was a family of farmers in the Lake District who had worked the land for centuries. They too, albeit slowly, had undergone considerable change. "Nowhere", concluded Starkey, "have we found what we expected". He was speaking for himself but it was the manner of what he said rather than the content which was unexpected, and therefore appealing.

Nicholas Shakespeare

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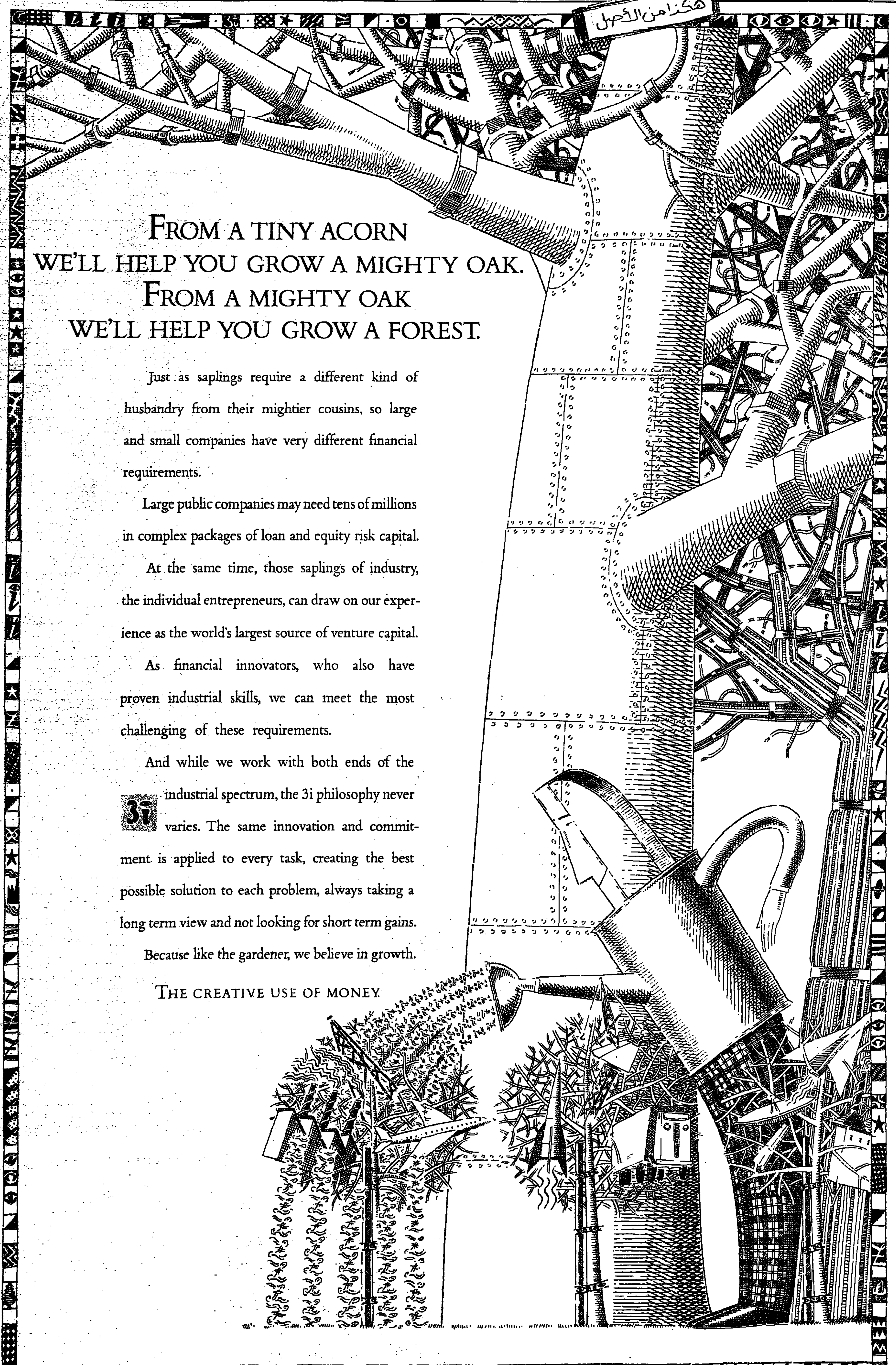

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The search for universal truth

Astronomical stars: (from left) Hipparchos at Alexandria; Ptolemy; Tycho Brahe; and Galileo presenting his telescope to the Venetian senate

During the past few millenia remarkable discoveries have changed our perception of the universe and, recently, have promised to explain its origin. To mark National Astronomy Week DAVID WHITEHOUSE retraces the forces and individuals that helped to shape our understanding and put our species little by little into its cosmic context.

Behind each of us there are 40,000 past generations, most having spent the nights of their short lives huddled around blazing campfires for warmth and protection. Sometimes they would gaze beyond the flames at the lights in the sky, wonder what they were and tell stories about them.

Sophisticated ideas emerged. The Kung bushmen of the Kalahari desert believed the Milky Way was the backbone of night and without it fragments of darkness would come crashing down.

The ancient world is full of monuments and temples dedicated to the sky: at Stonehenge, Angkor Wat in Cambodia and Chichen Itza in Mexico.

The sky is a great calendar and each civilization had its interpretations of the way some stars rose before or set just after the Sun, at times and positions that varied with the seasons.

It was the Greeks who first thought seriously about the nature of the universe. Around 500BC, on the Mediterranean island of Ionia, a society grew up that believed that stars were very far away and that the Earth went around the Sun, insights that were to lay buried by the philosophy of Aristotle for 2,000 years.

Aristotle, in his book *On the Heavens*, wrote that the spherical Earth was at the centre of the universe with all things revolving round it and with everything beyond the Moon perfect and unchanging.

This became one of the most successful theories of all times, fettering human sources for two millenia.

The strength of Aristotle's astronomy lay in its common sense. The Sun, Moon and stars do seem to revolve around a fixed earth. It became apparent, however, that the motions of the planets were not the required perfect circle and it was left to Claudius Ptolemy in the second century AD to make them compatible with circular motion. Ptolemy was deeply influenced by Hipparchos, the greatest astronomical observer of antiquity, who had lived nearly three centuries earlier.

Working from the libraries at Alexandria, Ptolemy devised an ingenious system of 39 circular orbits that explained the motion of the Sun, Moon and the known planets as seen from the fixed Earth.

The dark ages overwhelmed Western civilization, the library of Alexandria was burnt and untold treasures lost for ever. This slumber lasted 1,000 years, but not all Greek thought was lost. Some texts were preserved by Arab scholars and in the 12th and 13th centuries the thoughts of a long dead civilization changed the world.

With the liberation of the libraries at Toledo and Cordoba Greek thought exploded into Europe. With the founding of universities came a revival of interest in the Cosmos. The end was in sight for Aristotle's Earth-centred universe though it was hundreds of years in dying, with traumatic consequences.

It is said that Nicholas Copernicus died in 1543 without seeing the book he had written which was to wrench the Earth from the centre of creation. Rather than removing a relatively minor defect from Ptolemy's system, the Polish Catholic priest managed to demote the Earth to just one of the planets.

In 1572 a new star appeared in the sky and was seen by a Danish astronomer. The precise and meticulous research by Tycho Brahe showed this celestial interloper lay beyond the Moon. The sky was no longer unchanging perfection – Aristotle's universe was crumbling. In the year that Johann Kepler, the last of the great astronomer-astrologers, published his first two laws of planetary motion, Galileo pointed a crude "optic tube" towards the sky from a lonely tower in Italy.

Battle was joined. Galileo saw the phases of Venus, the moons of Jupiter, spots on the Sun and craters on the Moon. The Church reacted by persecuting Galileo and banning Copernicus's book, but it was too late. The century between the death of Copernicus in 1543 and the death of Galileo in 1642 changed everything.

In the year that Galileo died Isaac Newton, the Englishman who was to produce a mathematical description of the planets' motions, was born. Galileo supplied observations that proved the Earth went round the Sun and Newton explained it. But Newton's laws of gravity could be applied to the entire universe and, for a while at least, led to the idea of a mechanistic universe – an intricate machine wound up by the Creator himself.

For the next two centuries the universe was considered a collection of stars with a void beyond it. Then it was realized that some of the so-called "spiral nebulae" seen in the sky were in reality distant star systems similar to our own galaxy.

The story of discovery then shifts to a mule train hauling equipment to the top of a mountain just outside Los Angeles, early this century when the large telescopes, destined to discover the expansion of the universe, were being built. Among the mule teams at Mount Wilson was Milton Humason, a young mule driver, gambler and pool player. He was to become one of the best observers.

After the First World War he was joined by flamboyant Edwin Hubble. In the 1920s they found that light from distant galaxies was subtly altered or displaced slightly towards the red end of the spectrum. Their explanation was that the galaxies were receding and the universe was expanding, leading to the startling conclusion that the universe had been born in an explosion, what we now call the "big bang".

There was, however something wrong in the theory – the time scales did not fit and there were some stars that seemed older than the universe's expansion. This dilemma led to a counter-proposal by Thomas Gold, Herman Bondi and Fred Hoyle of the Steady State theory. With reflections of Aristotle they proposed that as individual galaxies died and receded they were replaced, and the more the universe changed the more it stayed the same.

Despite the stellar time-scale problem being resolved the Steady State theory lingered on until 1964 when the echo of creation was detected. Two astromomers using a radio-telescope in New Jersey picked up a steady radio hiss coming from the sky which they called the Relic Radiation. Although pale compared with its original intensity, it does come from an era less than a million years after the "big bang" when the universe was a thousand times smaller than it is now.

It seems clear that our universe had its origins in a violent event some 17,000 million years ago.

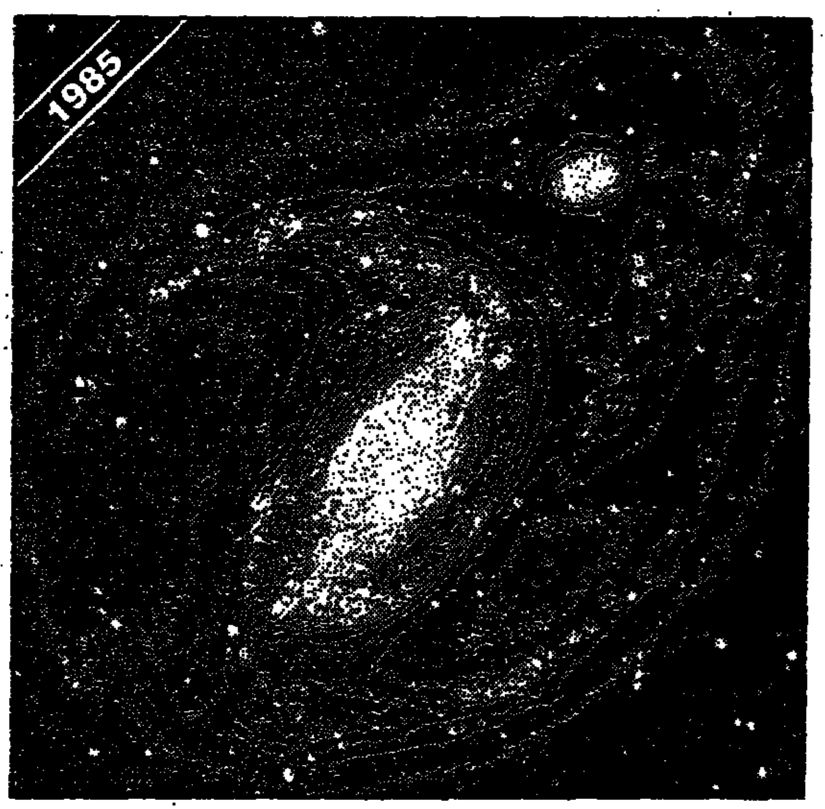
About a billion years after the creation, clouds of gas formed into great lumbering, spinning masses. They became smaller as gravity drew them tighter and eventually they turned into a hundred billion points of light.

We believe young stars are surrounded by debris, material left over from star formation which become planets. Until recently we were not sure if there were planets circling other stars hidden only by the enormous distance of space. There are now indications that planetary systems may be commonplace.

Deep in a star's interior, nuclear reactions occur at temperatures of millions of degrees. These reactions have two consequences. They liberate starlight and make elements such as oxygen, carbon and iron, the same materials from which we and our planet are made.

Because of recent discoveries we are on the verge of the most remarkable discovery of all time – the theory of the entire universe. The clue came from the strange laws that governed the behaviour of the atom and its construction.

These laws were discovered earlier this century and revolutionized our understanding of the cosmos. When considering atoms and sub-atomic particles common sense becomes prejudiced and our very conception of existence is challenged. Events can occur without cause, and matter can appear from nowhere.



NGC 1099: a spiral galaxy similar to our own

So it seemed did the universe. Some scientists believe that the universe created itself naturally and followed the laws of physics to produce all the order and structure we see above us. Some go further still and talk of a universe created with 11 dimensions in which all the forces and matter are explained by a single, elegant theory.

We do not yet know the fate of the universe but there are two equally bleak possibilities. Either the universe will expand for ever with dying stars and fading galaxies spread ever thinner throughout space, or it will collapse. The cosmic expansion will slow down, stop and be followed by collapse with the violent "big bang" re-enacted in 30 to 40 billion years' time.

Every ancient culture had its creation myth, so do we, but ours is fashioned by science. It seems that given certain laws everything else follows. But although the laws of science may explain the universe we still have to explain the laws of science. Where did they come from? As Alice said in Wonderland: "Curiouser and curiouser".

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TOMORROW

Modern morality part two – have women become more demanding?

The police drama that's real life

TV's 'Crimewatch' walks a tightrope between fighting crime and exploiting it,

writes Rodney Tyler

On Thursday Detective Superintendent Malcolm Hughes of Avon and Somerset police will admit on television that he is getting nowhere with an inquiry into the brutal murder in Bristol of 62-year-old Violet Milsom, killed for the sake of £30.

Detective Chief Inspector Geoff Short of Derbyshire will confess he is baffled by a violent bank robbery in the peaceful village of Cromford, near Matlock. And Detective Sergeant Geoff Hunt of the Metropolitan Police will say he is stuck with his inquiries into a gang that strap bombs on to wages guards to make their colleagues hand over money.

All three, like many senior detectives, have turned to the BBC's *Crimewatch* as a last resort, hoping that with nearly a quarter of the adult population of the country watching, somebody somewhere will have seen something or know someone.

In its relatively short life, *Crimewatch* has built an enviable reputation for solving crimes, but there are those who worry that it has done so at the expense of pandering to a morbid fascination and, in making the subject exciting and interesting, may be promoting the evil it is trying to fight.

Those worries are felt most in the *Crimewatch* office itself, where there is something of a tightrope quality to the relationship between the police and the BBC.

An example of this was a recent programme containing a reconstruction of a building society robbery. It was a brilliant and gripping piece of television. The moment when the criminal produced the shotgun with the viewer looking straight up both barrels, as the Abbey National assistant manager had done, was so dramatic that the officer in charge of the case admitted to having jumped in fright at the first showing.

Within minutes of the film going out hundreds of callers were ringing in. Though their information has not yet led to the arrest of the criminal, it has caused several other major crimes to be cleared up, including one substantial international fraud.

Everyone at *Crimewatch* is delighted that their efforts are bearing fruit, but doubts remain. Sue Cook the presenter was worried that for all the brilliance of the reconstruction, which might well have shocked many people into remembering something, or others into turning in the criminal, it might also have taught three or four hooligans exactly how to terrify the living daylights out of someone with access to large amounts of money.

Peter Chafer, the programme's editor, feels that three safeguards are necessary. First that the programme makers should neither mislead the public, nor be misled by the police. If the police, as they sometimes do, are using the programme to lay a red herring the producers must know.

Second, the BBC must not be seen to be telling the public what the police want; it should provide them with a platform to tell the public themselves. Third, and most crucially, it must manage to be entertaining enough for people to want to watch, without glorying in the gore.

It is around the last point that most of the debate within the offices rages. "If the programme were boring we would get few viewers", says Chafer. "But, go the other way, as we have done once or twice in the past, and we are equally open to criticism."

BBC figures on the *Crimewatch* audience reveal how important is the tightrope act. The programme has been surpassed in the ratings only by *Coronation Street* in some months.

But its viewers are not the supine slaves of the soap operas. A survey is done each month (and the results kept quiet) which shows the Appreciation Index, the active interest viewers take.

On a percentage scale *Crimewatch* regularly scores in the high 80s to *Coronation Street's* mid-79s.

It is thus the size and *involvement* of the audience that makes the ethos of *Crimewatch* significant. The producer, Sam Organ, says: "We live in a society where fear of crime has outstripped the real danger of it, particularly with old people. So not only do we run the risk of imitative crime...we run the risk of frightening people silly. We think very hard before showing attacks on old people. Yet the problem is that we have evidence which shows that even implied violence can shock people into 'shopping' acquaintances."

The three senior detectives taking part in Thursday's programme have high hopes of solving their crimes as a result of the 3,000 or so calls that will come in: *Crimewatch* has an arrest rate so far of about three people per programme.

But the questions of the boundaries between real life and fantasy remain; perhaps no more forcibly than in the mind of the actor Steve Hodson. So convincingly did he play a building society robber and so closely did he resemble him, that despite a warning by the police some people telephoned to name him as the crook.

Fortunately, he had an alibi.

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'Crimewatch' *is on BBC1 on Thursday at 9.25pm*

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Making conservation a moving spirit

A new project aims to combine religious and ecological school studies. Tony Samstag reports

It is said that at a recent meeting of the World Wildlife Fund its President, The Duke of Edinburgh, proposed a "pilgrimage" from St Peter's Basilica to Assissi next year to celebrate the Fund's 25th anniversary. A declaration of some kind would crown the proceedings. The spirit of St Francis would rejoice; a new theology of conservation would be born.

Whether the pilgrimage comes to pass remains to be seen. But, in the meantime, educationists are much taken with a project launched by WWF this year to combine conservation, cultural and religious studies in schools.

It is a bold undertaking, dedicated to the proposition that the religion we grow up with – or, indeed, out of – powerfully affects the way we perceive and treat the natural world: that the genesis of religions, in fact, may lie in man's habitat and the demands it makes on him.

The WWF's textbook, *Worlds of Difference*, looks at the beliefs of Australian aborigines, Chinese Christians, Hindus, Humanists, Jews, Muslims and the Yanomamo Sanema Indians of the Amazon rainforest. Teachers have a guide of their own, for the juxtaposition of comparative religion and natural history is likely to be as new to them as to their pupils.

The Jains of India, who wear masks so that they will not breathe in any tiny creatures and who have the paths ahead of them swept before they walk to avoid treading on insects, are surprisingly absent from the book although the point is well made that the Hindu "cycle of life" leads logically to a reverence for anything remotely animal, and the concept of stewardship over the natural world known as "dharma".

WWF's tactic is cunning here, leading the pupil via the "sacred cow" syndrome to what conservationists for years have been describing as the hamburger connection: the destruction of rainforests in South America in order to ranch cattle that are then slaughtered and sold to the North American fast-food chains.

The early capitalist Protestant ethic, of course, is that the natural world was created for man to exploit, as by divine right. The slag-heaps and the dark satanic mills, generating the gross pollution we are still enduring, were the cathedrals of that ethic.

The last word properly belongs to, or at least with, the Sanema Indians of the Amazon, who believe they were made from trees and that their first teacher was a giant snake. "The idea that the world of nature is a living and powerful force, created by ancestors and inhabited by spirits, runs throughout Sanema stories. Dependence upon and respect for the forest lie at the heart of these stories," says the WWF textbook.

"Unfortunately, the balance which they have with the forest and its life is now under threat. Outsiders are coming to the forest. They are cutting down so many trees that the forest cannot recover."

This, then, is the way a world ends. Not with a bang but a hamburger.

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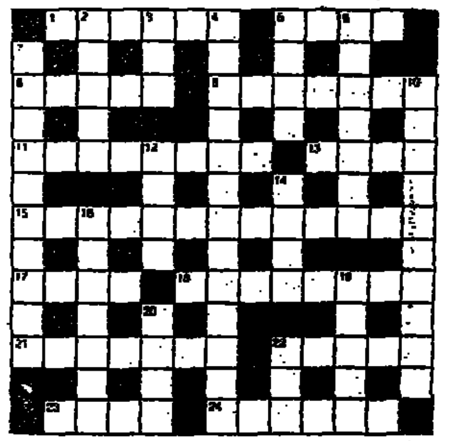

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Ancestral cheek

In Washington, the treasures of our grand ancestral homes are on show to the world. Back home, we are wearing them on our backs.

Ancestral chic – or should it be "cheek" – is high fashion. A new generation has got a crush on velvet that looks as though it has been dragged from the casement or ripped from the ottoman of a faded country house.

The baronial hall has also given us antique tapestries, damasks and brocades, all cut into clothes that have the quirky, old-fashioned feel of a portrait gallery sprung to life. Flapper frocks jostle foppish coats; velvet stoles, court slippers and high-crowned hats all contribute to the mood of the dressing-up chest.

In Paris, Jean Paul Gaultier showed his clothes spilling out of a trunk and worn as though they had been thrown together from the contents of grandmother's attic. This look is taken straight from the London streets where day-for-night clothes in panné and crushed velvet have swung back into fashion.

The purest examples of ancestral style are the real things, glowing dusky green, old gold and magenta in the Gallery of Antique Costumes and Textiles in north London. Swags of velvet, damask curtains bought in at auction, cushions and fabric lengths, genuine Fortuny dresses and cases of beaded and embroidered accessories, all add up to a splendid collection.

The same baronial velvets, created today, are being used by avant-garde English designers Pam Hogg and Darla-Jane Gilroy. Their clothes have now penetrated the mainstream shops.

The big stores, like the ancestral country houses, have to work to pass their goodies from one generation to the next. The children of the 1960s' generation are now being wooed by Way In at Harrods, the youth emporium on the fourth floor that was born 18 years ago at the height of those swinging sixties.

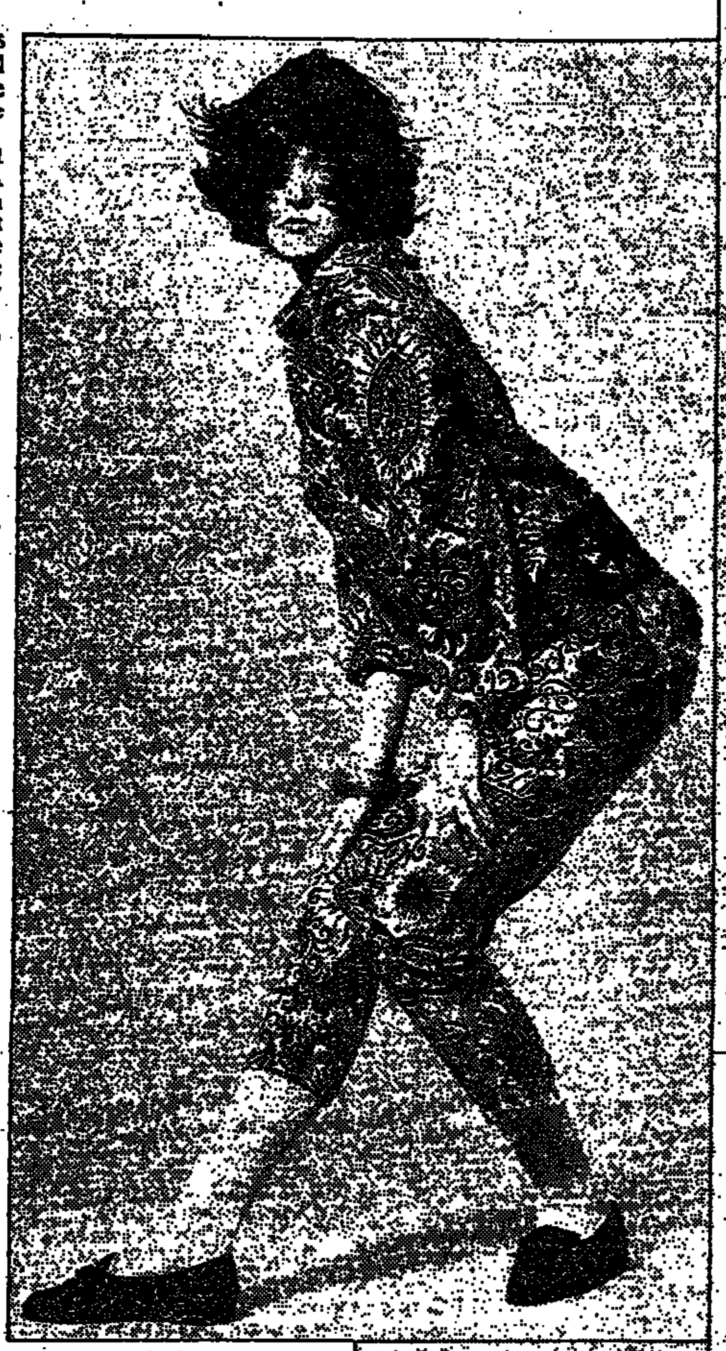
Now Barbara Deighton, Divisional Manager of the fourth floor at Harrods, has set out to capture the creative energy and madcap mix of the next generation using the style leaders of young London, including Mark and Syrie, Gregory Davis, the original prints of English Eccentrics and the more established Strawberry Studio.

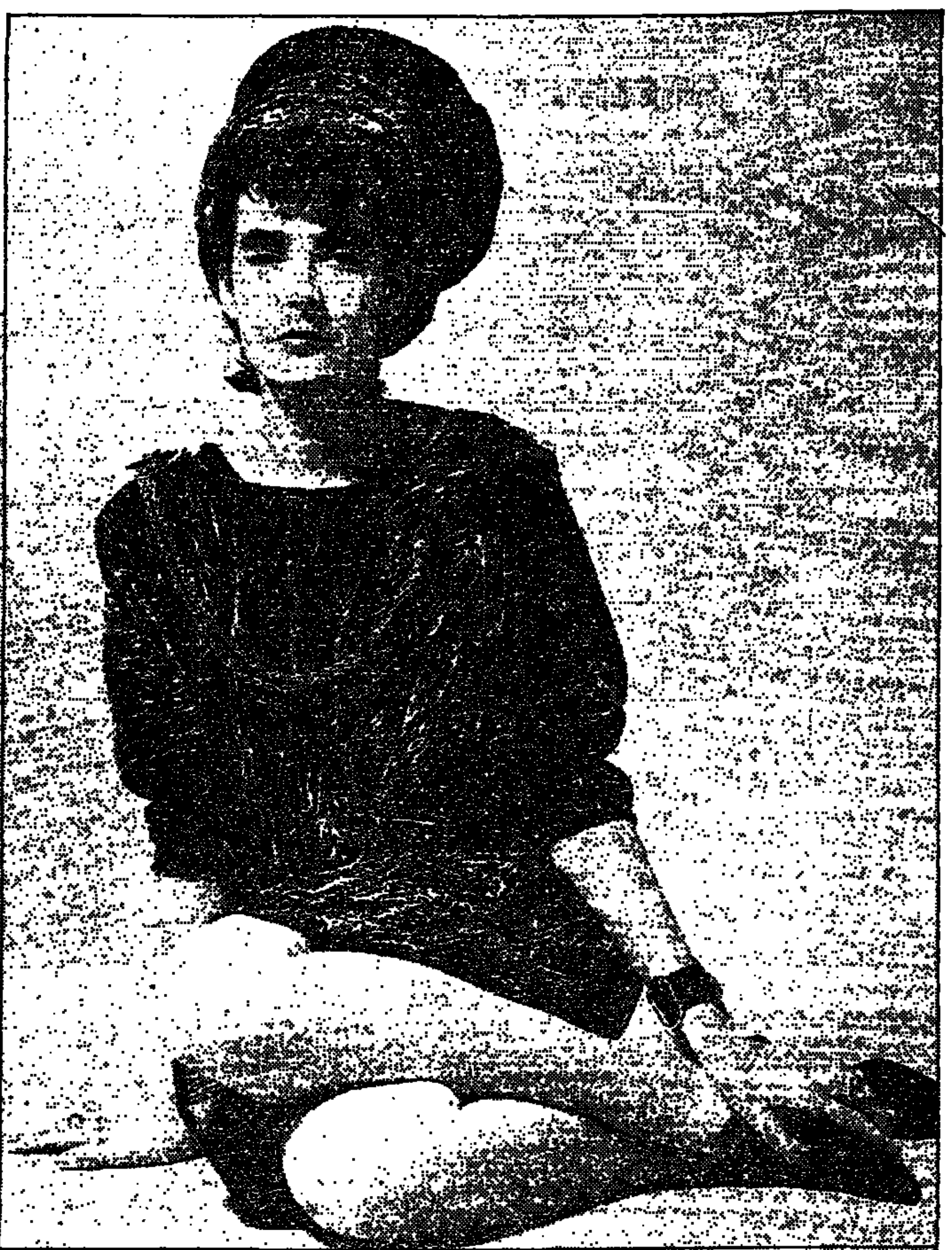
The original moody blue decor, a monument to sixties' style, has been transformed by Hungarian-born designer Eva Jiricna. She has filleted the metal bones of High Tech, but kept a sense of space and movement, using mobile shop units on wheels that can be rearranged to suit the fast pace of fashion in the 1980s. Corrugated metal tracks the ceiling and perforated aluminium pierces display units. Against them, the plush velvets, colourful separates and cosmetics make a vivid show.

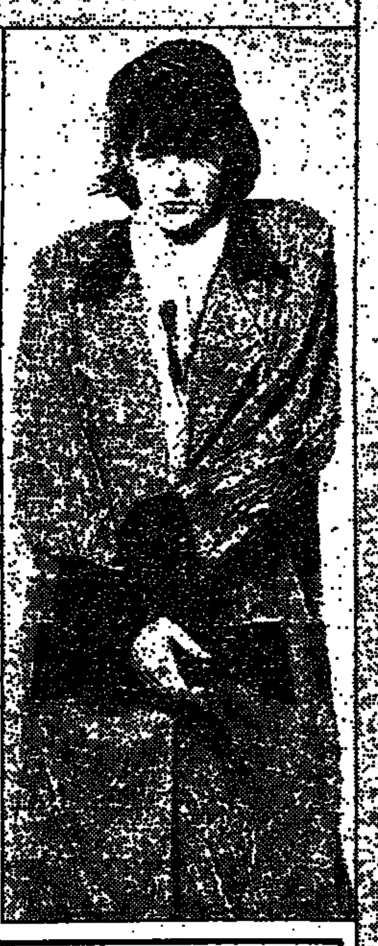
In another move in the generation game, Harrods have revamped their Younger Set department. The Young Designer Room, opened last week, offers the up-market British designer names making news in the 1980s: Sheridan Barnett, Wendy Dagworthy, Paul Costelloe, Arabella Pollen and John McIntyre. The dark sophisticated decor is illuminated by the designer names, computer-set in lights.

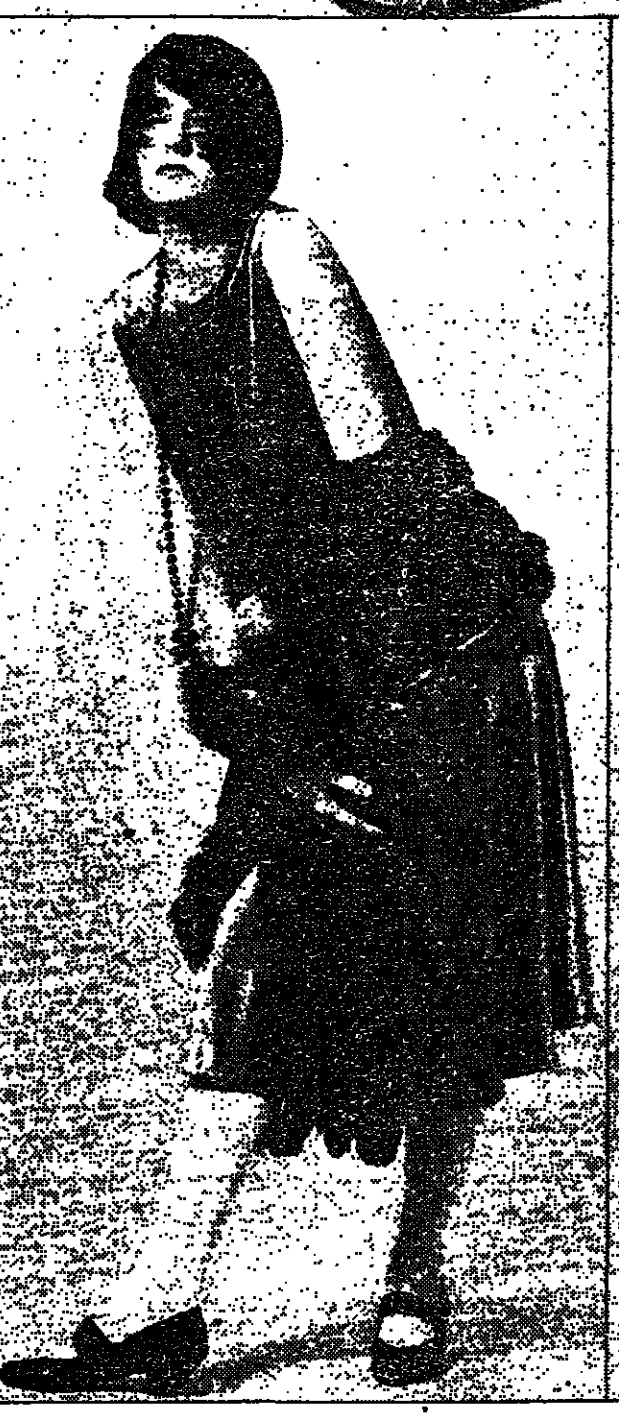
Down the road at Harvey Nichols, the design-conscious store is also bidding for a new generation of account customers, with their youth-directed Zone department.

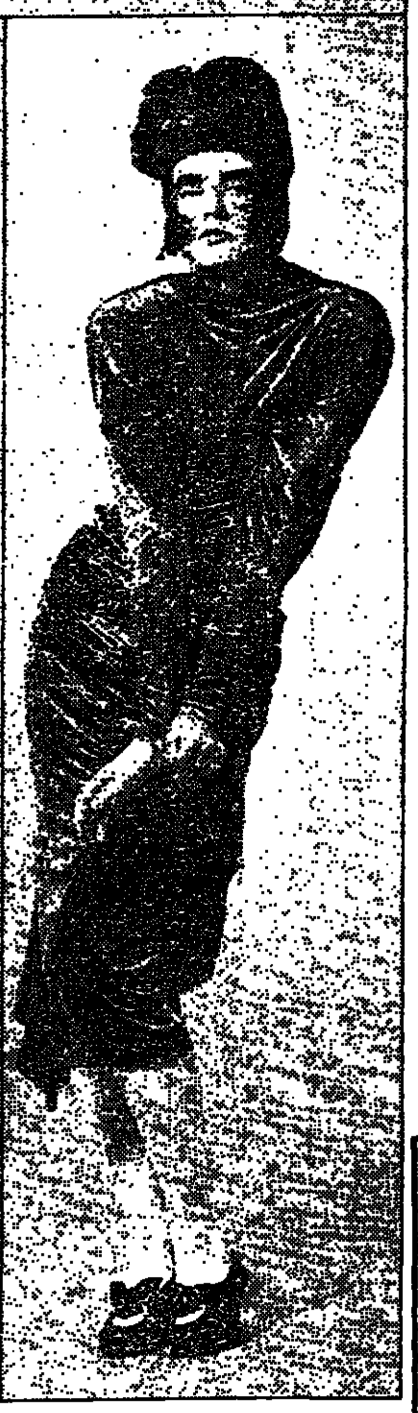
Like some of the best upper-crust London town houses, Harvey Nichols has turned over its basement to the teenagers who can run riot in a cavern of style that includes concessions for Benetton and French Connection, as well as young designers from home and abroad. It is all served up in a way that should appeal to the young shopper by offering (to both sexes) the velvets of their grandparents' style – and without putting off Mummy, who has to settle the bill.











Top left: Tapestry printed panné velvet tunic £37.50, leggings £33, circle belt £50, all by Pam Hogg from Way In at Harrods and Hyper-Hyper, W8. Steel bangle by Ceri Evans. Steel grey tights by Pretty Polly. Braided court slippers, £49.50 by Cobbler at Zone, Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1

Top: Fuchsia crushed velvet dress with deep V-back, £89 by Darla-Jane Gilroy at 327 Kings Road, SW10 and the Vestry, South Molton Street, W1. Green velvet wedge-shaped hat, £24.50 from The Hat Shop, Neal Street, WC2. Cut velvet head wrap, £15 from the Gallery of Antique Costume and Textiles, Lisson Grove, NW8. Fine wool tights, £3.50 from Marks and Spencer. Chain of office by Tom Binns, crushed velvet slippers £100 by Emma Hope, both for Ellis Flyte

***Above left:** Old gold crushed velvet* coat with black collar and cuffs, £89.99 by Julia Spagett for Digit, Unit B21, Hyper-Hyper, Kensington High Street, W8. Turquoise chiffon scarf, from Libertys. Braid brooch, £12.95 from Zone at Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1. Embroidered velvet smoking cap, £28 from the Gallery of Antique Costume and Textiles, Lisson Grove, NW8

Above centre: The dressing up chest revisited for a green panné velvet flapper dress, £29.99 from Gee 2, 475 Oxford Street, W1, and branches. Peacock feather stole, an original from the late Victorian era, £275, fake jet beads, £5, both from Gallery of Antique Costume and Textiles, Lisson Grove, NW8. Pale green opaque tights, £3.50 by Dim at Sockshop branches and House of Fraser stores. Purple suede shoes, with instep bar and low heels, £69.50 from Charles Jourdan, 39 Brompton Road, SW1

Above right: The costume party look, mixing a trunk full of new clothes. Ruched crushed velvet dress, £99 by Lesley Gale at Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge. Velvet stole in rainbow shades of jewel colours tied as a sash, £199 from Charles Jourdan, 39-43 *Brompton Road*, SW1. *Lamé and* velvet hat, £14.50 by Bias at Unit B20, Hyper-Hyper, Kensington High Street, W8. White opaque tights by Dim at Sockshop branches and House of Fraser stores. Black shoes with a leather bow, £46 by Cobbler at Zone, Harvey Nichols

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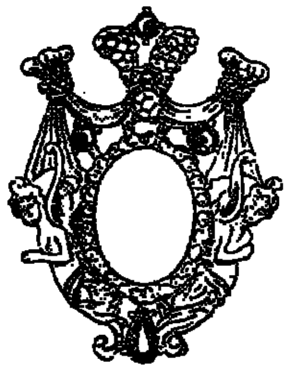
Treasure chest of heavy metal

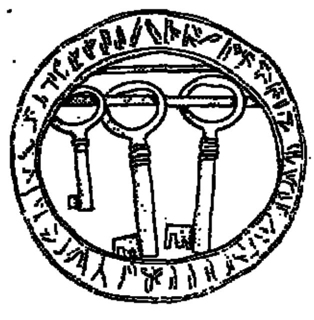
Antique costume jewellery is the inspiration behind a haul of fun fashion accessories in the shops this winter. In tune with the "dressing up" theme, ornate gilded brooches and 18th-century rococo earrings have been redesigned in lightweight metal and scattered with fake pearls and emerald or ruby-coloured glass.

The sparkling diamanté baubles brought out every year for the party season have been replaced by heavier pieces that *used to be functional rather than* frivolous. Monty Don has tied a satin ribbon to a pair of stern lorgnettes, once perched on the end of a schoolmistress's nose, now draped round the neck and worn as an elegant pendant. Heavy bunches of keys and solid metal fob chains have been looted from a housekeeper's chatelaine for unusual brooches and badges.

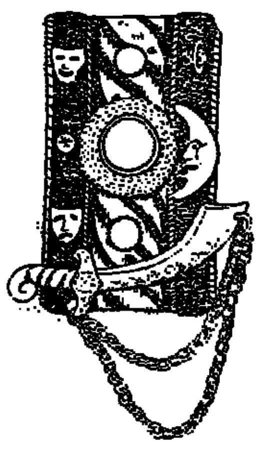
A gold chain, worn draped cross the chest and attached on both shoulders by two gold filigree brooches set with tiny fake pearls, is taken from the ceremonial chain of office and adds a stylish touch to jackets by day or satin and velvet for evening.



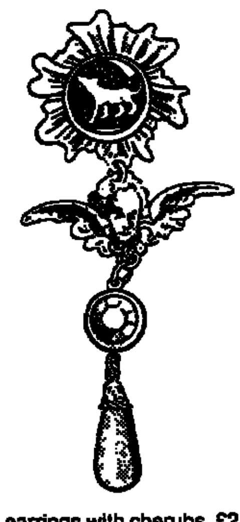
Heraldic frame brooch, £10.50 from Fenwicks, New Bond Street, W1 and branches



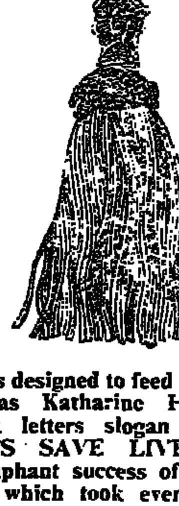
Ring brooch with keys, £69 by Monty Don from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1; Libertys, Regent Street, W1; Reina, St Helier, Jersey; Melanie Osborne, Beverley, North Humberside



Long square-shaped brooch with masks and a dagger, £65, heart-shaped brooch (below) with pink stone and tassel, £91, both by Steven Rosen from Way-In at Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1



Drop earrings with cherubs, £21.50 from Way In at Harrods



Prism at Hyper-Hyper have a selection of medieval-gothic style chains in jangling silver metal with uncharming charms from vultures' claws to skulls and Roman coins. The charm bracelet has returned, not with delicate horseshoes and bells but oversize gems, daggers and snakes with pewter finish.

A treasure chest of ideas can be found at Way In at Harrods. Exclusive to their jewellery section are pieces from an American collection by leading designer Steven Rosen. A fired imagination and plenty of glue have gone to make these tasselled and tapestried creations. His heart-shaped brooch edged in rhinestones on a tapestry background, and warrior badges with masks and knives, sum up the fancy-dress feel for fashion.

● A bare-chested man with a baby lion cub symbolizes Africa for Giorgio Armani; Emanuel show an African woman in bold colour; Betty Jackson holds the continent of Africa in her hand; Jean Muir simply shows a drawing of herself. These are T-shirts designed to feed the world or, as Katharine Hamnett's block letters slogan puts it: LET'S SAVE LIVES. The triumphant success of Fashion Aid, which took even the 18 participating designers by surprise, has been made flesh and fabric in the range of T-shirts (£10) and sweat shirts (£15), on sale at HMV and Virgin record shops, selected fashion stores or direct from Fashion Aid, Event Merchandising, 199 Queen's Crescent, London NW5 4DS.

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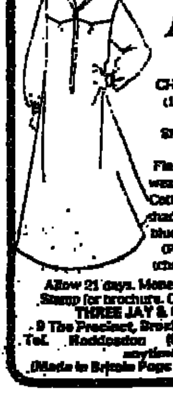

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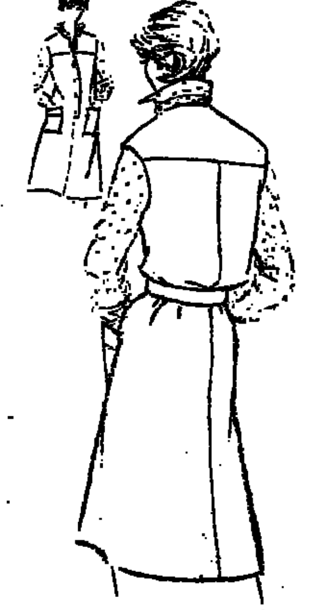

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Liberal seer

The Liberal Party is soon to lose one of its most prominent peers to the church and the crossbenches. Although he insists that "nothing has yet been finalized", I understand that Lord Beaumont of Whitley, a former Liberal Party chairman and president, is to become parish priest of the Barn Church, North Sheen, and St Luke's, Richmond. Lord Beaumont was ordained in 1955, served as a vicar in Hong Kong, and resigned his orders in 1974 because he found politics and religion did not mix. Now, however, having helped in the party's revival, he tells me he has "been called to do other things". He has clearly been preparing for the break. Over the last two years he has grown a long grey beard, causing colleagues frequently to liken him to "an old testament prophet".

● Neil Kinnock clearly attaches considerable importance to the attack on *Militant* he will make at tonight's Fabian rally. In order to deliver it, he has turned down an invitation to a state dinner at Buckingham Palace for the Amir of Qatar.

Leaderless

The executive of the Conservative associations' national union meets on Thursday to consider the new constitution for the right-wing Federation of Conservative Students, which it ordered to be drawn up after its riotous conference at Loughborough last Easter. It should think twice before rubber-stamping it. The two FCS officers who helped draw up the document have cunningly omitted any mention of the existing post of honorary life patron. This, of course, continues to be held by Edward Heath, even though the Loughborough conference voted overwhelmingly to depose him.

Not here

The only guest to return their complimentary tickets to tonight's opening of Ned Sherrin's *Sloane Ranger Revue* at the Duchess Theatre? The ever-faithful chronicler of real life Sloanes, Betty Kenward, editor of Jennifer's Diary in *Harpers and Queen*. Although she pleads a prior engagement, Sherrin speculates: "She probably thought she couldn't get her hair-do through the Duchess's swing doors."

Hall of horrors

Not everyone had their heads down working for London at the GLC the other day. Politicians and staff walking down the corridor at County Hall were startled to discover two council officers hurling foul abuse at each other in full public view. They were more amazed still when the row turned into a violent brawl that sent passers-by scurrying for cover. Now Labour councillor Tony Judge, who witnessed the "disgraceful disturbance", has been assured that a full investigation into the incident is under way and that disciplinary action will follow.

Cover story

Once more Mirror Group headquarters is agog with rumour. With dismissal notices hanging over all Captain Bob's 6,000 London staff unless drastic reductions are achieved, Jo Foley and Mike Taylor, respectively numbers three and four on *The Mirror*, were whisked up to the seventh floor at Holborn Circus 10 days ago and have barely been sighted since. The official line is that they are working on a project for editor-in-chief Mike Molloy connected with *The Mirror's* eventual switch to colour printing. Taylor will say only that they are working on "forward planning". The rumour among those threatened with dismissal is that they are preparing dummy copies of a new *Mirror* to replace the old one when Maxwell shuts it down.

BARRY FANTONI

'OK, Mr President, from the top: *Mikhail* Gorbachov, *Johnny* Carson, *Abraham* Lincoln . . .'

Sea-change

An inside source at the National Maritime Museum tells me that one of the applicants for the job of director is Max Hebditch, head of the Museum of London. And he is apparently favourite to land it. Yesterday the current incumbent, Dr Neil Cossons, who was in on last week's "sift" – Civil Service parlance for shortlisting – told me: "There are five good front-runners. I have known Max for 25 years and would not like to put him in an embarrassing position." Hebditch, who has been head of the Museum of London for eight years, refused to comment.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Jury challenges: no case to answer, M'Lud

Everybody is tiptoeing about, avoiding mention of the real reason for the recent wave of criticisms of our jury system, or to be exact of the right of each defendant in a criminal trial to challenge three jurors without showing cause. Now ever since I got my wooden leg, I have been unable to tiptoe, and it therefore falls to me to galumph into the argument and point out, at the risk of being hit over the head with a pantomime sausage by the Attorney-General, that the demands for an end to the right of peremptory challenge by the defence in a jury trial, and the referral by the Home Secretary of the said demands to the Crown Prosecution Service for a careful, exhaustive, scrupulously impartial study leading to a ringing declaration that the right should be abolished, are based solely on the belief held by many persons, some of them frightfully important, that the servicemen in the Cyprus "spy trial", all of whom were acquitted after the defence had stood down a substantial number of jurymen, should have been convicted. (Well, it would have been tidier, you see, and better value for money.)

That, I think, makes matters clear, but lest I should be thought to have no more knowledge of reality than a judge, I had better fill in the blanks before I go any further. Defence counsel in recent trials have increasingly used their peremptory challenges (pooling them where there are a number of defendants) in order to rid the jury of respectable-looking people who might be thought to favour the upholding of law and order.

Counsel have instead sought to fill juries with anything up to 12 fugitives from a chain-gang; any male juror who has plainly not shaved for three days is sure to win acceptance, particularly if he has no tie and soup-stains on his jersey, and a lady who looks as though she is on the stroll will be no less eagerly welcomed, as will any juror, of either sex, under 19 years of age, while one who has difficulty in reading even the shorter words of the oath will almost certainly be appointed foreman, if not invited to take silk immediately and join the defence team of lawyers.

This undeniably poses a problem, and the contours of it were recently mapped by a very remarkable and valuable feature by Iain Walker in the *Mail on Sunday* – a model of what newspapers can and should do – which described this process at work in the Cyprus secrets trial itself. The *Mail* reporters counted the challenges, noted the appearance of those challenged, described the jurors who replaced them without demur from the defence, discussed the background to these events, and left the readers to draw their own inevitably disquieting conclusions.

It is argued that if juries are to be selected only from those whose brothers have recently been fitted up by over-zealous peelers in West Bromwich, and who will bring in a verdict of not guilty even if the defendants are Bluebeard, Count Dracula, Dennis Nilsen and Pontius Pilate, the cause of justice will ultimately suffer. But to this claim there are two answers, each of which seems to me conclusive. First, the prosecution also has the right of peremptory challenge, and not just three shies per coconut; they, unlike the defence, can go on challenging until the jury box is full of archdeacons, presidents of the Royal Academy, headmasters of Gordonstoun and members in good standing of the Worshipful Company of Cat-o'-nine-tails Makers. Second, I have never been able to see any objection to some appropriate version of the American system of *voir dire*, in which the potential jurors may be questioned on oath, by either side, to expose any potential bias, and challenged in the ordinary way on the basis of their answers.

It is true that in recent years the advantage in criminal trials has tilted sharply towards the defence, though it can be argued that since it had previously been tilted the other way for much longer, that is only as it should be. But whatever the arguments over the conviction rate, I find the increasing pressures on the jury system, of which this particular criticism constitutes only the latest of many, alarming and even sinister. For I have always believed, and will die maintaining it, that the jury system, despite all its imperfections, is one of the pillars that hold up not only our legal system but the very essence of our democracy.

The jury is indeed the only democratic element in the law, depending as it does on the principle that every accused person has the right to be tried by his peers, and that the jury, subject to a few obvious safeguards, must be chosen at random. I think that to remove that element, the lay barrier that separates the defendant from the court, would lead to catastrophe. It is absolutely essential that the common man, who is the substance of our political democracy, should have his place also in our judicial process, to introduce the element of the ordinary mind, applying ordinary common sense, in determining the facts. Lawyers, for all their protestations ("Members of the jury, we are all men of the world, are we not?"), can see only the trees of the law; there must be somebody in court who can see the wood.

And the importance of the jury grows greater, not less, as time passes. When a judge can rule that the policies of the state are the policies of the government in power, as the judge in the Ponting case did, it is necessary that there should be somebody in the court to award him, as the jury did, the Mervyn Griffith-Jones Prize for the Most Damfool Assertion of the Year. When a parliamentary committee goes collectively off its head and demands legislation against drug-sellers of a nature that Herod would have blenched at, it is necessary that a jury should be lurking in the wings when the legislation is passed, in case this country should find itself with a legal system exhibiting all the moderation, understanding and humility of Miss Janet Fookes, MP. When the Master of the Rolls wants to abolish the jury in complicated fraud cases because the jurors cannot be expected to understand the details (a desire which will deprive of breath for quite a long time anyone who has ever seen an eminent QC enter a court without the faintest idea of what the case he is involved in is about), and the Lord Chief Justice wants to dispense with juries in criminal cases where nothing very serious is alleged, it is time to insist that leaving the law to the lawyers and the judging to the judges would be to break down a dyke that for centuries has prevented the sterile waters of law from drowning the rich soil of humanity, mercy and even-handed justice.

I am willing to strike a bargain. When a High Court judge, summing up in a criminal trial involving a very serious charge (perhaps a particularly brutal gang-murder), says to the jury: "Please remember, as I speak, that I am fully as fallible as you, with prejudices and biases that I find it very difficult to recognize, let alone confront, and am furthermore conditioned by years upon this bench to believe, obvious nonsense though it is, that the law is not a human artefact but something as eternal and immutable as the principles of geometry", why then, I shall be willing to reconsider my own belief that if we dispense with the jury we shall in time dispense also with freedom, and indeed with law as well.

I can wait.

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Digby Anderson

The most tainted funds of all

Last week Sara Keays published her account of her affair with Cecil Parkinson, *A Question of Judgement*. According to one newspaper, "few involved escape (the author's) wrath": Fleet Street is guilty of "intolerable lies" and journalists who approached her were "frightful men". Yet Miss Keays concluded a deal with this street of a thousand "intolerable lies", selling her book's highlights to *The Mirror* for a large sum. She *did* this not for revenge but to set the record straight and make "the facts available to my daughter".

I am out of touch with the latest fashions in mothering, but a 307-page book seems a cumbersome way for a parent to communicate with a child. Will the infant have instalments read to her in bed? Or must she wait till she has learnt to read herself? Will this become the accepted way for mothers to teach their young?

What Miss Keays does not explain is how she felt able to take money from the press, an institution she holds in such low regard. She is obviously not a progressive person. A progressive person would not do such a thing. Thus, last week, Professor Hilary Rose of Bradford University returned money granted her for research into women and alcoholism. It came from a tainted source, the Health Promotion Trust, supported by the tobacco industry. She was urged by many "health activists" and "professionals" to reject it. The research was urgent, "a major social issue", but must yield to "the just struggle against the tobacco industry" in "advanced capitalist countries".

That's the progressive principle: however laudable the object of spending in research or welfare, take no money from tainted sources. Thus *Social Work Today* reports that the RSPCA is "very sad" that the NSPCC is to receive a substantial sum to spend on children in severe need. Why? The money is offered by a body supported by the fur trade. Again, at a recent meeting organized by the Tate Gallery, some artists refused to accept money from bodies with interests in armaments sales.

The list of industries which the modern progressive person disapproves of is very long. No truly progressive person will accept funding from the food industry (at least that part of it producing and selling splendid normal food such as eggs, meat, confectionery or butter); from brewers, distillers and wine sellers; from advertisers who deceive the masses; farmers who destroy little animals' nests; car manufacturers, personally responsible for road deaths; the City, responsible for all evil; any company which does not satisfy contemporary progressive demands on employment of women, ethnic minorities, the provision of fire escapes, and South Africa, Chile, Turkey and Grenada; anyone using any power except coal mined from an exhausted pit; any company which has funded any other institution the progressive person dislikes, notably the Tory party, or which has any interest, however remote, in arms; any manufacturer of any pharmaceuticals and medicines except acupuncture needles, any multinational and above all any enterprise which makes a profit.

The list gets longer every day. Friends of the Earth has started a campaign against furniture retailers who sell tables and chairs incorporating woods such as mahogany which come from allegedly threatened tropical forests.

Retailers, mind. The progressive principle has adapted and perfected the Catholic doctrine of secondary relics: just as something became a secondary holy relic through contact with a primary, so a source of funds is tainted if it has been "involved" with primary tainted sources. Thou shalt not receive funds from organizations supported in any way by companies which have had anything to do with other companies supplied by a firm whose dispatch clerk operates a computerized order system using a VDU watched from a chair which gives inefficient lumbar support.

At first sight, this is excellent news for non-progressives (any companies embarrassed by mounting piles of funds refused by progressive persons should have no hesitation in approaching the author). In fact most progressive persons in research or welfare bodies have never used much private funding anyway. The progressive's godmother, the profligate source of salaries and funds, is the government.

Professor Rose explains that she went first to the state and that she thinks the Department of Health and Social Security ought to have funded her project. Here is the poser for the progressive conscience (and lest the progressives forget to pose it themselves, *you* might remind them and push it home, perhaps at dinner when they peer at the label on the grapes or the chair legs): the government they take so much money from is the Thatcher government which they castigate as the supreme evil. Repressive, fascist, it grinds the faces of the poor, is totally without compassion for the unemployed, the inner cities. It is a part of a warmongering international capitalist complex threatening nuclear destruction, callously indifferent to mice and mahogany trees, and the prime supporter of South Africa.

How can the progressive person bring him or herself to accept funds from such a monster? How could it be right to help such a régime gain respectability through association with progressive research or welfare? All parts of this government, however apparently innocent, are subject to its heartless monetarist centre. However well one could use funds from it, they should be rejected as part of the "just struggle" against Thatcherism.

There you are. A new campaign for the progressives: sanctions against Thatcherism; sign and resign. "We will accept no more funds, no more salaries and no more wages from the Thatcher government". I can see the letter in *The Times*, followed by the signatures of professional poverty lobbyists, race relations bureaucrats, peace professors and tenured progressive social scientists. Or can I?

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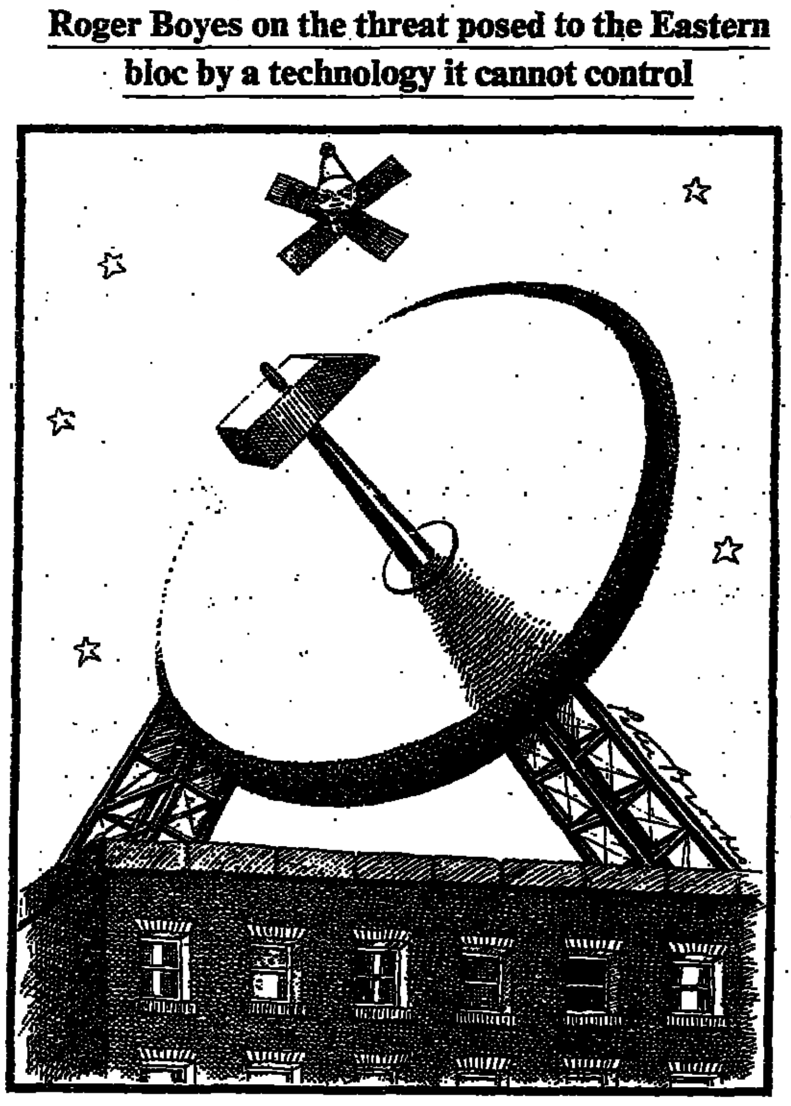
Start of the other star wars

Roger Boyes on the threat posed to the Eastern bloc by a technology it cannot control



Warsaw

Monday night is Party night and the secretary had booked a guest lecturer to discuss "technology and socialism". "Sir Sinclair", said the speaker, and handed a picture of the British innovator around the meeting. It had been clipped from a newspaper. "Should we be entrusting our children to the likes of such western business circles?" The picture was waved. "Microcomputers have their uses but they must not be allowed to poison our youth."

Such nagging, Luddite fears are coming to the surface nowadays precisely because Poland and the rest of the Soviet bloc are sprinting to catch up with the West in the high tech race. Will *Dallas*, satellited into East European living rooms, destroy television as the communist system's main propaganda weapon – or will the party manage to kill J.R. first?

Communist Europe, it is assumed in the West, languishes in the industrial stone age, bypassed by the information technology revolution – indeed all revolutions that do not involve fluttering red banners. The picture is substantially correct but over the past year many of these countries have been trying to boost the technical literacy of their citizens. Anyone in doubt should stroll over the road from Polish Communist Party headquarters to an informal kindergarten where three-year-olds learn the alphabet on personal computers.

As western businessmen are beginning to find out, it is a bottomless market. There are already 20,000 or more Sinclair computers in Poland and ministry officials say there is a basic demand for 100,000 personal computers a year. Customs duties have been lifted on computer technology, and it is simple enough to buy a cheap computer abroad.

There are dangers in this sudden embrace of the modern world. The first and most obvious is that Eastern Europe is again becoming dependent on western imports. There are no Comecon restrictions on the simpler personal computers and they are flooding in – to Hungary and East Germany as well as Poland – profiting from low domestic production capacity. The Russians, who would like to dominate or rather "standarize" Eastern Europe with its own computers, are not very happy.

Hungary, the most innovative country in the bloc knows that it will not be able to shrug off dependence on western hardware but is trying to take the lead in devising software-computer programs and games. *Novotrade of Budapest is the first communist enterprise to sell video games to Europe and America.*

There is a hunger for uncensored film. By western standards some of this is pretty innocuous. Milos Forman's film *Amadeus* is considered a hot property in Prague and church videos – now a very common phenomenon – can draw a full house in Poland. But the challenge to the censor is usually more explicit. A film of the funeral of Popieluszko, recorded by Solidarity cameramen who flaunted equipment bearing the sticker "Independent Poland Productions", is shown regularly in churches.

The underground produce documentaries – interviews with people who claim to have been abducted or beaten in the Torun area, the more politically sensitive of the Pope's sermons – and have started work on a feature film about internment under martial law. They also make scores of copies of banned films such as *The Interrogation* by Ryszard Bugajski. Other films on the Solidarity video circuit include Tom Stoppard's *Squaring the Circle*, *Gorky Park* and an execrable American TV series film called *Gulag*.

There have been raids during private film shows in Prague but on the whole the police can do little. In Bulgaria the problem is not one of a dissident opposition but of uncontrolled access to the minds of the young. The many Turks who cross Bulgaria, in transit from the West can make a few leva by distributing violent or pornographic films to black market cassette dealers. The Bulgarian press recently described confiscated merchandise as "the most despicable video tapes, produced by private and illegal firms which shot their masterpieces in basements and bordellos between Istanbul and Calcutta". It is difficult to imagine a better way of exciting the interest of young Bulgars.

The fundamental problem is how information should flow in a closed society. Technical progress entails political risk, especially in systems where power is partly based on control of information.

In computers this is only just becoming visible. Some Polish dissidents use word processors to print out *samizdat* material. Underground pamphlets, even books, are sometimes put on to floppy discs, smuggled into Poland, then printed at the press of a button. More playfully, there is even an underground video game called Zomo in which a riot policeman chases a Solidarity supporter through a maze of streets. And what if teenage "hackers" start to break the computer codes of Warsaw Pact defence ministries?

Czechoslovak dissidents say the video cassette could become as important in the next decade to the political opposition as the Xerox machine was in the past two. There are some 5,000 privately-owned video recorders in Czechoslovakia, about 40,000 in Hungary, 10,000 in Bulgaria and an astonishing 150,000 in Poland. The numbers are growing but they are still overwhelmingly the playthings of the richer intelligentsia. It only takes one, however, to transform a small community.

The black market in dish antennae in western Poland points to the next high-tech hazard for Eastern Europe. When satellite television takes off it will be difficult, if not impossible to jam. The nightmare of the communist authorities is that the Americans will start to produce made-for-communism programmes and openly compete with domestic programmes. Even if the satellite networks confine themselves to life-at-the-top soap operas like *Dynasty* and *Dallas* they will lure a large slice of East Europeans viewers.

Communist television chiefs are already adjusting to this threat by trying to make their own offerings more entertaining. East German television, which already has to compete with West German programmes, has virtually depoliticized its channels, presenting a steady flow of old but good films. Polish television is at the moment preparing a television epic of *Lace* and is considering showing the titillating film *Emanuelle*.

The race to close the high tech gap has thus become something of a Keystone Cops affair, with East and West competing for the hapless audiences behind an increasingly porous iron curtain.

British films see a return of the ready

Visitors to London's South Bank from this week should prepare to meet a surfeit of people wearing bemused expressions. They will be cinema-lovers flocking to the London Film Festival, and savouring an unfamiliar bout of optimism.

The British film business has lived on a merry-go-round of revivals and crises throughout the 1980s. Only a year ago, with the government pulling out its support for the National Film Finance Corporation and cutting the Eady levy on cinema attendances, the obituaries were once again being written in and around Wardour Street. Happily, they were premature.

British cinema does still have its problems: Goldcrest, which once held the role of most promising newcomer among film production companies, has stumbled into serious financial trouble, and Thorn-EMI is looking to a management buyout of its film arm.

Elsewhere, however, the industry is exhibiting signs of new-found health, and nowhere more so than in the cinema stalls. After a fall in audiences from 1.2 billion in 1953 to 54 million last year, 1985 is sure to register a rise in audiences – and it is likely to be a hefty one, to around 70 million.

The main cinema companies, Thorn-EMI (ABC), Rank (Odeon) and Cannon (Classic), are spending £1 million a month on improving their houses. They and newcomers to the market such as Bass Leisure and the US chain American Multi-Cinema are also planning to build multi-screen cinemas that will include other attractions, such as shops, bars and restaurants.

The production field has had a lively year, as the high proportion of British films at the London Film Festival testifies. There will be the première of *A Zed & Two Noughts*, Peter Greenaway's first film since *The Draughtsman's Contract*, the London début of Stephen Frears's *My Beautiful Laundrette*, the appearance of *Defence of the Realm*, directed by David Drury, and an American version of David Hare's *Plenty*.

Much of the credit for the revival must be given to the British Film Year campaign, run by an unlikely and unusually single-minded grouping of industry interests which came together amid much scepticism. In London, where cinema attendances have always been relatively healthy, its activities have largely been confined to persuading Alan Bates, Charlton Heston, John Mills, Anna Neagle and Omar Sharif to place their handprints in cement in Leicester Square.

Londoners tend to take it for granted that stars are on permanent call to be interviewed at the National Film Theatre. In the provinces, where much of the campaign to promote cinema-going has been concentrated, attitudes are less blasé, as Sharif found at a crowded appearance in Lincoln. He was approached by two elderly ladies and asked: "May we mob you?"

The campaign's educational side has taken study papers into 3,270 colleges and schools. Its organizers hope it has put the cinema back in the curriculum permanently.

Even before the campaign was launched in May, cinema admissions had begun to increase. The poor summer also played its part. In the past, the credit for any rise in audiences has usually been attributed to the arrival of exceptionally popular films such as *ET* and *Star Wars*, but 1985 has not been notable for any blockbusters. The resurgence may have more to do with social and cultural factors.

After decades of doubt about how to win audiences, the industry is coming to some form of consensus. The answer is not found in splitting old cinemas into tiny small-screen complexes where more films can be shown – but in an unsatisfactory environment. Modern cinema-goers expect high projection quality and comfortable surroundings. Above all they expect a cinema to offer more than just films; there should be other leisure activities nearby.

The gauche enthusiasm of British Film Year has won the film world more public affection for its cause than years of industry lobbying and special pleading. If the present spirit is maintained after the campaign dies next May, optimism will no longer sit strangely on film-makers and their fans.

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Arts Correspondent

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Richer Beeb – with added lines

The BBC has spent a lot of money in the last year refurbishing the entrance to Broadcasting House, that huge wedge of Stilton which you can see looking north from Oxford Circus. But quite wisely it has not touched the traditional elements of the entrance, such as the heavy doors which are so massive you can hardly open them unaided, especially with a double bass.

Nor have they tampered with the behaviour of the three or four uniformed doormen just inside the entrance, called doormen no doubt because they have never been seen to help anyone with the doors, not even people struggling through with double basses.

(One of these doormen once challenged me at the entrance. Had I got an entry card, he wanted to know. No, I hadn't. Then you can't come in! he said triumphantly. I'm not coming in, I said, I'm going out, because I've been in for an hour already. Who let you in? he wanted to know. Fred, I said mysteriously. He has looked worried ever since.)

But last week I stumbled across something so traditional in the BBC foyer that I too have been worried ever since. At the BBC Publications Shop there I bought two videos and a tape, and asked the saleswoman if the receipt was valid for a VAT claim.

"Well, not really," she said. "You see, the BBC hasn't been able to afford to replace the cash register, so the date printed on the receipt is November 1976."

I looked. It was. I also noticed that the BBC had no VAT number printed on the receipt.

"No, well, we do actually have a VAT number but they haven't got round to printing it on the receipts yet. If you want to have a proper VAT receipt, you'll have to make an appointment to see a young lady in our offices in Marylebone High Street, and she can do one for you."

If this is the way BBC Publications normally do business, I'm surprised they ever sell anything. But please don't write me off as a BBC-knocker, because I can see that this is just another symptom of the BBC's frantic lack of money.

I was once so concerned about the BBC's poverty that in the days when the TV licence was £46, I sent off a cheque for £50 to the licence place in Bristol and asked them to keep the extra £4. They sent it back to me, explaining that they had no machinery for accepting donations. I sent it back, insisting they kept it. They sent it back, suggesting I send it to the BBC's Director-General, man by the name of A. A. Milne, they thought.

Well, finally I have come up with an idea which will help the BBC out of all its troubles. I have thought of a way of having advertising on TV *without having commercial breaks*. All you do is incorporate the advertising directly into the programme. You have a piece of drama dialogue, for example, which goes like this:

"Did anyone call while I was out?"

"Only your mistress. She sounds far too young for you."

When you sell advertising space, it becomes this:

"Did anyone call while I was out?"

"Yes. Beaufort Double-Glazing. Their service sounded so reasonable that I've asked one of their men to call round."

"Well done! Anyone else?"

"Only your mistress. She sounds far too young. . . ."

The BBC might also sell anti-advertising, from a rival of Beaufort's, for instance. Then the extract would sound like this:

"Did anyone call while I was out?"

"The engineer called to look at the window put in by that ghastly Beaufort firm. He couldn't imagine why we had used such a cowboy outfit. Anyway, he's promised to put it right."

"Well done! Anyone else?"

Of course, there is no reason why the BBC should not tamper with classic texts, if the money's right:

"Is this a dagger that I see before me,
Made of good hand-crafted Sheffield steel,
The whole so light and yet so strong as well . . .?"

Or perhaps . . .

"How was China?"

"Very big."

"And Peterborough?"

"Very pretty, Peterborough, yet full of exciting industries and so close to the major network of motorways too."

If the BBC is interested in the idea, it has only to get in touch with me. Perhaps it could let me know its VAT number at the same time.

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OPENING THE BAR

Indications that the Bar is at long last considering amending its rules to allow barristers to appear in formal or unopposed High Court cases without the expensive company of a solicitor or his clerk, comes as good news to all those interested in streamlining the legal system. That this "barrister alone" principle may be extended down into Magistrates Courts and foreign arbitrations is again welcome news for the consumer. The fact that it will merely regularise what is already common practice in Magistrates Courts should not deter the Bar Council from extending the principle into as many situations as possible.

Such reform, however, is only piecemeal. While allowing barristers to dispense with the services of a solicitor, it carefully retains the Bar's monopoly over rights of audience in the higher courts and it is likely to infuriate the Law Society and sour relations between barristers and solicitors. Both branches of the profession must make concessions in order to open up the legal profession to people who have, up till now, been unable to afford the luxury of going to court. If barristers are to be allowed direct access to clients in certain circumstances, and accountants are to be given the right to seek advice from the Tax Bar without having to go through a solicitor, the Bar should allow solicitors extended rights of audience in the Crown Court, in particular the right to do guilty pleas, a recommendation which was defeated by only the narrowest of majorities when it was considered by the Royal Commission on Legal Services in 1979.

Tripartite discussions between the Lord Chancellor's Department, the Law Society and the Bar Council are about to take place over what are "formal or unopposed" matters in the High Court and how best to implement the recommendations of the Royal Commission in allowing solicitors limited rights of audience in the High Court. The time is certainly ripe for a full scale review of the more anachronistic and expensive restrictive practices of the legal profession, in particular the Bar's Code of Conduct – one of the most inhibiting and inflexible books of rules ever written for a professional body.

If the Bar does not set about putting its own house in order, the Office of Fair Trading, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission or the Lord Chancellor's Department in its review of civil procedure will sooner or later blow the whistle on the game.

As a first step, the Bar should at least match the medical profession and allow clients direct access to specialist counsel after initial referral by a solicitor. Solicitors would no longer be obliged to attend conferences in every case or act as expensive and frustrating intermediaries on all subsequent occasions unless the client felt it absolutely necessary or the barrister was anxious to have the solicitor present.

As a gesture of good faith the Bar could well revise the rule that solicitors, clients and expert witnesses must travel up to London to see a barrister even when it would be cheaper and more practical for the barrister to travel down to see the solicitor and client in the solicitor's office. With three or four people on average sharing a room in Common Law or Criminal sets of Chambers, such a move might even go some way to help solve the overcrowding problem at the Bar.

A gentle wind of change is at last beginning to waft through the Inns of Court. Major changes in the Bar's Code of Conduct, a relaxing of its iron grip on the higher courts and the right to advertise within sensible limits, will all help to make the legal profession less expensive and better equipped to deal with the client of the Twentieth Century. With the introduction of time costing and binding contracts between barristers and their clients, plus useful savings in other areas, the Bar might discover that such reforms are as much in its own interests, in helping to increase legal aid fees and obtain prompt payment of bills, as in the public's interest in keeping legal costs to a minimum.

MISS BHUTTO'S DILEMMA

For more than eight years the political life of Pakistan has been a struggle between the country's ruling armed forces and its ousted generation of civilian politicians. A single image conveys the power of both: General Zia-ul-Haq for the army and Miss Benazir Bhutto for the political parties. In March when the general launched his civilianization of army rule the greatest challenge to his ambitions came from Miss Bhutto's People's Party. In August when she returned home to bury her younger brother the general's regime placed her under arrest. Her release last week does not signal a respite in this rivalry; it coincides with the start of a fresh round in the old fight.

At the heart of the renewed struggle is the question of what the future holds for the still-banned political parties. For almost a decade they have steadfastly opposed army rule. Quite possibly in so doing they have the tacit support of a majority of their countrymen. Yet the military regime has survived and as 1985 draws to a close it seems likely to pull off its experiment with partial democracy.

In the new order that the general is creating there was originally no room for political parties. Under pressure he has since relented. Last week as Miss Bhutto returned to exile the army spelled out its conditions for admitting the parties. Under the terms of a draft bill legitimizing them they will have to register, accept the "ideology" of Pakistan, elect their officials and submit their accounts before legalization. Although such requirements could be open to abuse they are not in themselves necessarily objectionable. Not so, however, the other stipulations, under which a registered party could be banned if it failed to expel a member who spoke or acted against the state ideology, against morality or the maintenance of public order, against the integrity or independence of the judiciary and, most ominously of all, who "defames or brings into ridicule" the judiciary or the armed forces.

It is unlikely that as the bill stands it will entice any of the political parties to participate in the general's new system. If that is all he has to offer them they will probably choose to continue their struggle from outside. But, it is equally certain that the general's present Parliament, which has shown itself to be less subservient to his dictates than he perhaps intended, will also not accept the bill as it is. In that event it is possible that a compromise could be achieved which may offer more favourable terms to the parties. That could put them in a predicament.

If they did register, it would be tantamount to recognition of the general's regime. If they did not register there could be many in the opposition ranks, including members of the People's Party, who would break away. Frustrated after what they see as years of fruitless opposition with little real chance of stopping the general from outside they may opt to oppose him from within. An added boon would be the spoils of power and office.

So General Zia now has the power to put the political parties on the defensive. In so doing, he would not incur any real costs. Indeed, by splitting the politicians there would be something real to be gained.

Plant institute's loss

From Mrs Joan Green

Sir, On Tuesday the Agricultural and Food Research Council (AFRC) announced its Forward Plan. This plan seeks to present Government cuts in spending on agricultural research as a dynamic reorganization of the AFRC.

In this plan the Plant Breeding Institute, as an integrated research establishment, will probably disappear. Staff here do not know how this will occur; it appears that there will be some form of partial privatization of the directly profitable plant-breeding work, which will be severed from the remaining work, which may in turn be split between different "super institutes". Whichever way it happens a unique interaction between scientific endeavour and its application will be lost to the nation.

The poor application of pure science to practical production is constantly cited as a failure in the British economy. This institute is a shining example of how to weld pure science to its practical application. The results are plain to see, with three Queen's Awards to Industry and millions of pounds in benefit to the British economy each year. At the same time the scientific reputation of the institute has burgeoned.

The institute that is, apparently, to be destroyed is the result of 72 years of evolving interaction between practical plant breeding and an expanding range of scientific disciplines. Recently genetic manipulation has been expanded at the institute and some of the world's leading scientists in this field are either employed here or come as visiting workers.

The future should hold exciting prospects for the application of their research within the world's leading plant-breeding institute at the same time adding a new dimension to the institute's future ability to provide a diversity of crop varieties for British agriculture.

Appeals for the survival of the PBI as an integrated organization have been made to ministers, individual MPs and members of the House of Lords with, despite considerable support, little apparent success.

Surely some way can be found to apply the tangible financial benefits of our work, plant variety royalties which go to the Treasury, to the survival of this institute. If an institute such as this is to be allowed to disappear what hope is there for the future of other areas of British science?

Yours faithfully,
JOAN GREEN,
Plant Breeding Institute Section,
Plant Breeding Institute,
Trumpington, Cambridge.
October 31.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Advantages of a black economy

From Dr Colin L. A. Leakey

Sir, Putting the spotlight on the black economy (Spectrum, October 28, 29) has been long overdue. The International Labour Organization in 1980 pointed out that in many European countries clandestine employment not only needed full investigation, but clearly had some economic advantages for development entrepreneurship.

Sarah Hogg is surely quite right that we would do well to avoid paranoia and recognize that the unrecorded economy is nevertheless a significant part of the real economy. Since, in this country, we don't openly approve of illegality, we should be considering legislating to legalise activities which may be beneficial to regenerating the economy.

The extent of the black economy is far broader than activities motivated by tax avoidance. The use of money for the purpose of aiding the free exchange of goods and services between willing providers and receivers is being challenged. This is a criticism of money itself. Barter of services between pensioners on the domestic scale, and counter-trading between nations are aspects of the same disenchantment with money as a facilitator of exchange.

As with other developments in society, it may be more valuable to examine the causes of change, and to react positively to them, than to try to suppress them.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN L. A. LEAKEY,
The Close,
15 Cambridge Road,
Girton,
Cambridge.
October 30.

Houses for 'dumping'

From Mr Michael Sargeant

Sir, Professor Hall states in his article of October 24 that the controversy over the 8,000 houses which Mr Michael Heseltine, as Environment Secretary, wished to impose on Berkshire has been "resolved". Would that that were true.

The Berkshire County Structure Plan is now being revised and there is still a real risk that at least 4,000 houses will be dumped on Warfield and surrounding villages, despite the virtually unanimous opposition of local residents and the Bracknell District Council.

As a lifelong Conservative, I am relieved that the new ministers in the Department of the Environment appear to be paying some heed to the electoral consequences of endlessly giving in to the greed of the housebuilding lobby. If the Government want to keep our support, they have got to drop "Heseltown" (the local name for this unwanted development) altogether.

Yours faithfully,
M. SARGEANT, Chairman,
Warfield Parish Council,
The Willows,
Church Lane,
Warfield,
Bracknell,
Berkshire.
October 31.

Okehampton by-pass

From Miss Kate Ashbrook

Sir, In claiming that a northern Okehampton by-pass would take nine years to complete, compared with three for the Department of Transport's route south through the Dartmoor National Park (report, November 8), Mrs Lynda Chalker is ignoring the two independent experts who have confirmed that the northern route could be built by December, 1990 – only two years after the southern.

There is only one serious northern route and it was supported by the parliamentary committee. This route is very similar to that put forward by the department for public consultation. That consultation need not be repeated before a public inquiry; much preliminary work has already been done and, if the department wanted to minimise the delay, it could complete all the necessary procedures and start construction by spring, 1989.

Of the northern routes, this was favoured by the Landscape Advisory Committee. And the public inquiry inspector agreed that the landscape to the south was much more valuable.

The department's exhibition shows photomontages of a stark northern route, devoid of the 70,000 trees promised for the southern route. Hardly a fair presentation.

Yours faithfully,
KATE ASHBROOK,
(Co-ordinator, Okehampton Crisis Committee),
The Open Spaces Society,
25A Bell Street,
Henley-on-Thames,
Oxfordshire.
November 8.

Quid pro quo in an Irish setting

From Mr Julian Amery, MP for Brighton Pavilion (Conservative) and others

Sir, It is widely reported that one feature of the proposals under discussion between the British and Irish governments is the appointment of a consultative council of ministers or officials who would be given some role in the affairs of Northern Ireland.

The justification for this would be the interest of the Republic of Ireland in the Northern Ireland minority community, many of whom are believed to wish for union with the republic.

Such an intervention by a foreign country in the affairs of a province of the United Kingdom could only be acceptable, in our view, if it was matched by the appointment of a similar body of UK and Irish ministers to play a similar role in the affairs of the republic.

There are, after all, a very large number of citizens of the republic who live in the UK, have jobs here, benefit from our social security and have the right to vote and stand for election to public office. They are here largely because of economic conditions in the republic.

Whether there is a need for more than one consultative council would be a matter for consideration. We would welcome any arrangement based on reciprocity which moved towards the reunion of the British or, if it be preferred, Anglo-Celtic isles.

These, rather than the island of Ireland, form a natural, geopolitical, cultural and economic unit.

We remain, your obedient servants,
JULIAN AMERY,
JOHN BIGGS-DAVISON,
IVOR STANBROOK,
House of Commons.
November 7.

Sanctions and S Africa

From Professor P. J. D. Wiles

Sir, Mr David Watt (feature, October 25) undoubtedly reckons that his opposition to sanctions against South Africa is based on hard-headed realism and British national self-interest. Many of the writers to your letters column, whom, in all their variety, I shall not name, follow him. It is natural that neither they nor the British Government can be swayed by appeals to other moralities; so let me examine the sanctions issue on the basis of their own.

Racism is much more unpopular in the world than communism; even in this country somewhat more so. And racism in South Africa is something we can help to destroy (while against communism in Angola and Mozambique we are powerless). All the world can see we are doing virtually nothing against the evil we can affect. It doesn't matter what our Government's values are: this is how we are judged by others' values, and these judgements are a diplomatic and military fact. Other people's morality is always a brute fact, and often a big one.

Among these judges is the African National Congress: beyond doubt, the ultimate government of South Africa. It is today in the position of the nascent MPLA and Frelimo in the late sixties: will the capitalist world help it or not?

We are giving ANC the same treatment as we gave MPLA and Frelimo. It will, of course, with full justification, turn to Moscow, and accept the price for arms: indoctrination. The success of its neighbours to east and west makes its choice more certain. Even its northern neighbour (Zimbabwe) is slipping in the same direction, after liberation.

Will sanctions work? They are wanted (now if not previously) by black people. For like other honourable people, indeed like Mr Watt, they are willing to suffer for their own liberation. Financial sanctions, recent events tell us, are quite effective. Moreover the big companies are doing their best to distance themselves from their government – a move only embryonic in the Portuguese case before 1974.

There is, after all, no necessary connexion between apartheid and capitalism, indeed in so far as there is an ideology of capitalism it is utterly opposed to it. Specifically, a vein of discreet liberalism and non-discrimination has always run deep in South African capitalism. Can we not imagine the pressure these people will bring on their government when sanctions bite? Will they enter the Afrikaners' laager?

"There is no reason," writes Mr Watt, "given the elaborate precautions, why the economy should crack for years". Correct, the laager has been well prepared. But after these "years"? And if we add some Soviet weapons, channelled by land through friendly neighbours? And terrorism? And economic sabotage? And white emigration? Surely it is in our self-interest to be active during this interval.

History repeats itself, Sir, if people are stupid enough.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. D. WILES,
London School of Economics & Political Science,
Houghton Street, WC2.
October 28.

Use of riot pictures

From Sir Philip Knights

Sir, In their letter (November 2), Messrs Lidstone and Bevan sought to argue that if editors were obliged to surrender to police photographs taken at riot situations, Press photographers would be even more at risk than they appear to be at the moment.

Bearing in mind that such photographs are taken in order that they may be, and are, published, whether in the Press or on television, what greater risk would be run if the unpublished ones were equally made available to the police I wonder? Or is it being suggested that in some way rioters would regard the Press as "neutral" if they only take photographs as impartial observers of the scene, such photographs to be viewed only by an equally impartial society?

One would hope that all persons of good will, whatever their occupation, might be prepared to be "identified with the police in riot situations" and make available to them without any statutory requirement such evidence as they might have in their possession which would help the police to identify, isolate and prosecute those who commit such serious crimes as murder, arson, assault and robbery, whether the victims are police officers, Press photographers, sub-post masters or anyone else.

Should the maintenance of public order come to be regarded as a matter solely within the province of the police it will only serve to make their task even more difficult than it currently is.

Yours faithfully,
P. D. KNIGHTS,
11 Antringham Gardens,
Edgbaston,
Birmingham.
November 5.

From Mr Bernard Robertson

Sir, Messrs Bevan and Lidstone's letter (November 2) displays an extraordinary attitude. Lord Scarman reminds us that all citizens have a moral duty to help the police and, in the case of riot, a legal one.

Bevan and Lidstone have either forgotten this or detected some factor, concealed from me, which relieves journalists of obligations imposed upon the rest of us.

On behalf of journalists they display the very attitude of which Bernard Levin complained last week. Somehow journalists are not part of "us" – they do not share in the general interest in bringing criminals to justice; indeed they are able to be "neutral" between criminality and justice.

Photographers are not assaulted because "they are identified with the police" (as if the police were some private interest group) but because they possess evidence which could convict criminals of acts often committed for private gain. The police want the photographs not in their own private interests but in the interests of society, the victims and justice.

Finally, I suspect this "neutrality" is humbug. I do not remember these issues being raised on occasions when apparent police misconduct has been detected by Press or television pictures.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
BERNARD ROBERTSON,
Southcott House,
Clifton Gardens, W9.
November 3.

Great oaks at risk

From Mrs Celia Ward

Sir, I have just been informed by the Post Office that, since April, there has been a new regulation – that one may not pay sums smaller than £5 into a National Savings investment account.

Since the investment account pays interest gross, it is particularly useful to non-taxpayers, who are presumably people with low incomes, for example children. And people with low incomes are surely the very people who wish to save small amounts.

My son and daughter have had NS investment accounts for several years into which they have put small gifts and casual earnings, etc. The new regulation discourages such savings and seems to me a good way to drive customers elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,
CELIA WARD,
13 Johnsons Drive,
Hampton,
Middlesex.
October 31.

Museum charges

From the Director of the Hampshire County Museums Service

Sir, Mr Hewson (report, November 5) has struck the first note of realism in the matter of marketing museum collections when he draws attention to the need for professionally trained commercial staff to fulfil this role.

Museum curators are trained professionals in their own right, dedicated to the subject in which they specialise. They are neither salesmen nor advertising executives. If they had wanted to go into "trade" they would not have gone into "art".

Expecting them to become shopkeepers will diminish their ability and negate their academic standards. If the Government is so adamant that every penny should be squeezed out of our national heritage it must pay for the specialist staff required to do this instead of creating a formula through which even more of the existing staff's time may be spent away from their main purpose.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH BARTON, Director,
County Museum Service,
Chilcomb House,
Chilcomb Lane,
Winchester, Hampshire.

Cash return from service industry

From Mr Gerald Priestland

Sir, When is this Government going to live up to its ideals by privatising our most expensive public asset, the fighting services?

In the days of England's glory great men of property were proud to raise a regiment of horse or fit out a frigate. Why should not our modern grandees do the same – Sir Freddie Laker commission a squadron of bombing planes, Mr Tiny Rowland a regiment of native foot, Mr Edward Heath an amphibious assault craft? Outstanding contributions might be rewarded with a peerage.

Failing this, the services should at least be commercialised. If the BBC is to carry advertising, why not the Royal Air Force, whose aircraft could tow banners advertising British products across the skies of the world? The drab sides of our naval vessels should be brightened with "special offers" and their radio transmissions – eavesdropped, I understand, by unscrupulous foreigners – punctuated with "jingles".

Entire exercises could be sponsored by major companies and the Changing of the Guard be "brought to you" by patriotic banks or newspapers whose symbols could be featured on uniforms and equipment.

Besides relieving the Exchequer, all this would have the effect of convincing our rivals that it is in the market place, not the battlefield, that we wish to meet them

Yours faithfully,
GERALD PRIESTLAND,
4 Temple Fortune Lane, NW11.
November 7.

Ringing the changes

From Mr David Triesman

Sir, In reporting (November 2) the changes in composition of the Burnham primary and secondary teachers' negotiating team, and in your editorial comment on that change (November 1), you draw no attention to one extraordinary feature.

There can be few areas of collective bargaining where the key figure on the employers' side can, by statutory right, vary the membership of the employees' team. The secretary of state, as a member of the employers' side, has that unfettered right.

I can understand that Sir Keith dislikes the militancy of the NUT because he plainly dislikes any challenge to his unbridled authority. To allow him to express his displeasure by direct interference with the other side in negotiations must be perverse in ethical and industrial relations terms.

As a union which he has summarily removed from the Burnham primary and secondary committee – not at the request of any other union involved – we may comment from what will become a distance. These manoeuvres on Sir Keith's part are among the causes of bitter resentment among schoolteachers. Whether any union stands to gain or lose by his decisions, everyone can recognise the fact that he is, once again, moving the goalposts.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID TRIESMAN,
National Negotiating Secretary,
National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education,
Hamilton House,
Mabledon Place, WC1.
November 6.

Return of the marbles

From Professor Robert Browning

Sir, In his article, "Playing for keeps in the diplomatic marbles game" (October 31), George Hill states that the dominant consideration in deciding on the proper home of the Parthenon marbles is that of precedent. This is both interesting and gratifying, but his discussion of it is somewhat misleading.

Certainly the Parthenon is a special instance owing to the central position it occupies as a symbol of the Greek cultural heritage. But it is also a special instance because its sculptures were an integral part of the building from which they were taken, not decorative additions but actually functional architectural members (the metopes and frieze), forming a single complex work of art.

Nobody argues on the first score alone that "nothing else can claim to be in the same category", which would indeed be presumptuous. What we do say is that, on the first and second scores *together*, the Parthenon is virtually in a category of its own.

In this sense the return of the Parthenon marbles to Greece could not create a precedent, and the case therefore rests on the overwhelming desirability of reuniting as closely as possible the pieces of a great work of art, a point which Mr Hill most reasonably concedes.

Mr Hill distinguishes between the criterion of "national sentiment" and that of "legal title". Here Lord Elgin's actions do remain relevant. Indeed it has been strenuously argued that he had no valid legal title to the sculptures he removed and therefore no right to sell them to the British Government.

Elgin himself wrote in a letter to the prime minister of the day in 1811 that the Ottoman authorities had subsequently denied that "the persons who had sold those marbles to me had any right to dispose of them". This hitherto suppressed or forgotten evidence materially affects the case.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT BROWNING,
(Chairman, British Committee for the Restitution of the Parthenon Marbles),
13a Hillgate Street, W8.
October 31.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 12 1888

Jack the Ripper is thought to have murdered at least six women in the Whitechapel district of London between August and November 1888. The Times *of that period had a relish for crime. A few years previous the then Editor, Delane, had remarked to his deputy, "That was a good murder you had last week". The Ripper murders produced reams of copy: that of Mary Kelly reported on November 10 was accorded about 5,000 words in which no gory detail escaped the writer. In all, six leading articles were devoted to the Ripper. The author of one, however, did remember he was writing from Olympus and began, "The mind travels back to De Quincey. . . ."*

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THE WHITECHAPEL MURDER.

. . . Great difference of opinion exists as to the exact time or about the time, the murder of Mary Jane Kelly took place. Mrs. Maxwell, the deputy of the Commercial lodging-house, which is situated exactly opposite Miller's court, the place in which the room of the murdered woman is situated, gave positive information that she saw Mary Jane Kelly standing at the entrance to Miller's court at half past 8 on Friday morning. She stated that she expressed surprise at seeing Kelly at that early hour, and asked why she was not in bed. Kelly replied, "I can't sleep. I have the horrors from drink". Mrs. Maxwell further stated that after that she went into Bishopsgate Street to make some purchases, and on her return saw Kelly talking to a short dark man at the top of the court. When asked by the police how she could fix the time of the morning, Mrs. Maxwell replied "Because I went to the milk shop for some milk, and I had not before been there for a long time, and she was wearing a woollen cross-over that I had not seen her wear for a considerable time". On inquiries being made at the milk shop indicated by the woman her statement was found to be correct, and the cross-over was also found in Kelly's room. . . .

There is no doubt that the body of a person who, to use Dr. Phillips's own words, was 'cut all to pieces' would get cold far more quickly than that of one who had died simply from the cutting of the throat; and the room would have been very cold as there were two broken panes of glass in the windows. Again, the body being entirely uncovered would very quickly get cold. It is the opinion of Mr. M'Carthy, the landlord of 20, Dorset Street, that the woman was murdered at a much earlier hour than 8 o'clock and that Mrs. Maxwell and the other person must have been mistaken. . . .

The police are of opinion that the murderer did his fiendish work in daylight, and burnt the above-mentioned articles probably because they were bloodstained. In support of that theory, they have ascertained that on Wednesday night the dead woman purchased a halfpenny candle at the neighbouring chandler's shop, and on the room being searched this candle was found barely half consumed. Detective Inspector Abberline has interviewed a girl named Kennedy, who states that about half-past 3 on the morning of the murder she went to her parents' house, which is opposite the room occupied by Mary Jane Kelly, and on reaching the court she saw a woman talking to two men. Shortly afterwards, when inside her father's house, she heard a cry of "Murder" in a woman's voice, and she alleges the sound came from the direction of Kelly's room. . . .

As early as half past 7 on Saturday morning, Dr. Phillips, assisted by Dr. Bond (Westminster), Dr. Gordon Brown (City), Dr. Duke (Spitalfields) and his (Dr. Phillips's) assistant, made an exhaustive post-mortem examination of the body at the mortuary adjoining the Whitechapel Church. It is known that after Dr. Phillips had "fitted" the cut portions of the body into their proper places no portion was missing. At the first examination, which was only of a cursory character, it was thought that a portion of the body had gone, but this is not the case. The examination was most minutely made, and lasted upwards of 2½ hours after which the mutilated portions were sewn to the body, and therefore the coroner's jury will be spared the unpleasant duty of witnessing the horrible spectacle presented to those who discovered the murder. The ashes found in the fireplace rented by the deceased woman were also submitted to a searching examination, but nothing likely to throw any light on this shocking case could be gleaned from them. . . .

Sunday trading

From Mr S. Douglas-Hogg

Sir, I am sure that I am not alone in recognizing the irony of the Queen's position in pledging her Government to the abolition of trading restrictions on Sundays. The Queen, both as Governor of the Church of England and Defender of the Faith, has been placed in a most difficult position. The proposed changes will prove yet another step toward the complete secularization of our society.

If the present criminal laws cannot be enforced, then recourse to the civil law ought to be made before restrictions are finally abolished, as suggested by Mr Paul Rippon in his letter (November 8).

A Christian society, in which the Lord's Day is treated no differently from any other day of the week, is a society that has lost all respect for its past and thus can have no notion of where it ought to go in the future.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
STEPHEN DOUGLAS-HOGG,
National Liberal Club,
Whitehall Place, SW1.
November 9.

Conquering hero

From Mr Paul M. Thomas

Sir, Mr McPhee (November 2) need have no fears. Only last week, at my daughter's primary school, I witnessed the magnificent spectacle of a duel between a king conker and a young pretender which ended in victory for the frail upstart.

What was disappointing, however, was the size of the crowd, which numbered three – my daughter and I and the teacher on duty.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL M. THOMAS,
10 The Paddocks, Cambridge.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 11: The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, this morning attended a meeting of the Council of St George's House, Windsor Castle.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Chief Commandant of the Women's Royal Naval Service, visited HMS Nelson (Commodore J. Howard, RN) today.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, Bt.), the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth (Councillor F. Warner) and the Flag Officer Portsmouth (Rear-Admiral Anthony Wheatley).

The Countess of Lichfield was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Honorary President, the Chartered Institute of Transport, this evening attended a lecture given by Mr Alan Kelsey at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, SW1.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs Caroline Wallace, was received by the President of the Institute (Mr . Smart).

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 11: The Duke of Gloucester, President, ICOMOS/UK (International Council on Monuments and Sites, United Kingdom National Committee), this morning opened their Conference on Fire Protection in Historic Buildings at the Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies, University of York, King's Manor.

In the afternoon His Royal Highness visited York Minister and later visited the Jorvik Viking Centre, York.

Lt-Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST. JAMES'S PALACE
November 11: The Duke of Kent arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this morning from Singapore.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 11: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy, attended by Miss Mona Mitchell, arrived at Gatwick Airport, London this morning from Canada.

A memorial service for the Earl of Avon will be held at St Margaret's, Westminster, at noon today.

A memorial service for Mr Roderick Cameron will be held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, on Tuesday, November 19, at 11am.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and works of Oscar Nemon will be held at noon at St Margaret's, Westminster, on November 14.

Luncheon

HM Government
Mr Timothy Eggar, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at 1, Carlton Gardens given in honour of a Canadian parliamentary delegation led by Mr James McGrath, MP.

Reception

Management Consultants Association
The chairman, Mr Len Brooks, and Council of the Management Consultants Association, were hosts at a reception given last night at the Institute of Directors.

Dinners

Wolfe Society
The Wolfe Society's annual dinner marking the 258th anniversary of the birth of Major-General James Wolfe was held in Westerham last night. Mr J. St A. Warde presided and General Sir Hugh Beach was the guest of honour.

1912 Club
Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, MP, Solicitor-General, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the 1912 Club at the House of Commons yesterday evening. Mr Roger E. Sims, MP, was the host and Mrs S. Alicia Nicholl proposed the vote of thanks. Lady McAdden and Mr David A. Atkinson, MP, were among others present.

Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee
The Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee held its annual dinner yesterday evening at the Institute of Directors, London, SW1. Mr David Sharpe, chairman of the committee, and Mr Alan Smith, chief executive were the hosts. The guest of honour was Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister for Health. The other guests included members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons, officials of the DHSS, and representatives of the pharmaceutical press, profession and industry and of voluntry organizations.

Meetings

Chartered Institute of Transport
Princess Anne, Hon President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, accompanied by Mrs Caroline Wallace, was present at a meeting of the institute held last night at the Institute of Civil Engineers, when Mr Alan Kelsey, spoke on "An investor's view of transport". Afterwards, she was entertained at dinner by the president. The other guests were:
Mr J C F Cameron, Mr J G Davis, Mr A D Forbes, Mr Kelsey, Mr G Myers, Sir Norman Payne and Mr J Petty.

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr David Jessop, Director of the West India Committee, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held yesterday evening at Over-Seas House. Captain William J Law presided.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. L. Cutler
and Miss D. E. Corcoran
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robert Cutler, of Eastbourne, and Donna, only daughter of Mrs Elizabeth Corcoran, of Greenford, Middlesex, and the late Mr M. Corcoran.

Mr P. D. Haynes
and Miss J. A. Sharman
The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of Mr and Mrs B. A. Haynes, of Pewley Way, Guildford, and Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Sharman, of Shopwyke, Chichester.

Mr M. C. Pearson
and Miss J. D. Wilkin
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of the late Mr J. A. Pearson and Mrs J. Pearson, of Lyth, Kendal, and Julie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Wilkin, of Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

Mr J. M. R. Waller
and Miss S. M. Small
The engagement is announced between Jeremy Mark Ralph, elder son of Mr Ernest Waller, of Cockfield Green, Suffolk, and Mrs Alethea Waller, of Tilbury Hall, Essex, and Sheila Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Small, of Sandbach, Cheshire.

Marriage

The Rev R. P. Reiss
and Miss D. A. Nichols
The marriage took place on Thursday, November 7 in Westminster Abbey, between the Rev Robert Reiss and Miss Dixie Nichols.

Marlborough College

Marlborough College is offering the following scholarships in 1986:

Up to 16 scholarships, mainly academic but including Music and Art, for boys at 13+, the Major Scholarships being worth up to full-fees. Closing dates: Music, January 1; Academic and Art, April 21.

Six scholarships, including Music and Art, and the Save and Prosper Technology Scholarship – open to boys and girls joining the College at sixth-form level. There is also the possibility of admission as a commoner for candidates who narrowly miss a scholarship. Examination in February, closing date January 1.

All scholarships can be substantially augmented beyond the initial offer where financial need is shown.

Details and entry forms from: The Registrar, Marlborough College, Wiltshire, SN8 1PA.

Lord Mayor's Banquet

The Lord Mayor, Sir Allan Davis, accompanied by Lady Davis, and the Sheriffs and their ladies, entertained the outgoing Lord Mayor, Sir Alan Traill, and Lady Traill, at a banquet in Guildhall last night. The Lord Mayor, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, the Prime Minister and Sir Alan Traill were the speakers. Others present included:

Mr Denis Thatcher, Mrs Runcie, the Lord Privy Seal and Mrs Biffen, the Hon Mary Hogg, the Lord President of the Council and Viscountess Whitelaw, the Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Hon Mrs Hurd, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Hon Mrs Younger, The Secretary of State for Employment and Lady Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and Mrs Brittan, the Chairman of the Conservative Party and Mrs Tebbit, the Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party and Mrs Archer, the Agent-General for Ontario and Mrs Wells, the High Commissioner for Swaziland and Mrs Mamba, the Ambassador of The Netherlands and Mme Hurdecoper, the Spanish Ambassador and Dona Puig de la Bellacasa, the Ambassador of Paraguay and Senora de Zuccolillo, the High Commissioner for the Eastern Caribbean States, the High Commissioner for Sierra Leone and Mrs Sumner.

The High Commissioner for Australia and Mrs Parsons, the Chinese Ambassador and Mme Xie Heng, the Polish Chargé d'Affaires and Mme Duchowski, the Speaker and Mrs Weatherill, the Hon Peter Brooke, MP, Mr and Mrs N L Wicks, Mr Richard Stoate, Sir Antony Acland, Mr and Mrs T M Heiser, the Lord Chief Justice and Lady Lane, the Master of the Rolls, the President of the Family Division, the Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division and Lady Browne-Wilkinson, the Chief of the Naval Staff and Lady Staveley, the Chief of the General Staff and Lady Bagnall, the Lord Chamberlain, the Master of HM Household and Lady Ashmore, the Bishop of London and Mrs Leonard, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of York, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Oxford, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, the Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington and Chelsea, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and Lady Newman, the Chairman of the Stock Exchange and Lady Goodison, the Chairman of the Baltic Exchange and Mrs Hunt, the President of the General Council of British Shipping and Mrs Shaw and the Chairman of the London Clearing Bankers and Lady Barron.

Birthdays today

Lord Justice Goff, 59; Mr J. A. S. Ingamells, 51; Sir Ronald Millar, 66; Major-General Sir Gerald Duke, 75; Mrs Peggy Fenner, MP, 63; Sir Charles Sopwith, 80; Mr Jeffery Thomas, QC, 52; the Rev Dr Chad Varah, 74; the Marquess of Zetland, 77.

Latest wills

Mrs Cecilia **Fenton**, of Cricklewood, London, widow of Mr Jack Maurice Fenton, left estate valued at £1,033,760 net.

Mr Alfons Paul **Schenk**, of Hindhead, Surrey, company director, left estate valued at £909,403 net.

Mrs Pamela Rachael **Mackinnon**, of Burford, Oxfordshire, left estate valued at £1,484,198 net.

Mr Gerald Arthur **Whately**, of Holybourne, Alton, Hampshire, solicitor and chairman of the Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association (RUKBA) left estate valued at £607,805 net. He left £500 to RUKBA.

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Sale room

Deco fashion plates go to US

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Lavish ornamental bookbindings of the art nouveau and art deco periods were offered for sale by Christie's in Geneva on Sunday and bought, in the main, by two leading American book dealers, Priscilla Juvelis, of Boston, and John F. Fleming of New York, acting in partnership.

They paid Swiss francs 440,000 (estimate Sw fr 70,000-100,000) or £144,736 for 69 issues of the art deco magazine *Art, Modes et Frivolités* bound in four volumes.

The issues of the magazine ran from November 1912 to December 1925 and are illustrated with 575 plates hand coloured with stencils. Those charming and colourful deco fashion plates are the main reason for the high price in this case.

The same dealers paid Sw fr 187,000 (estimate Sw fr 55,000-70,000) or £61,513 for Maurice de Vlamunck's two volume *Haute Folie* of 1964 with rich geometric bindings by Germaine de Costa and Hélène Dumas, Sw fr 121,000 (estimate Sw fr 80,000-85,000) or £39,802 for a 1932 illustrated edition of Baudelaire's *Le Spleen de Paris* with a fine binding of 1958 by Paul Bonet and Sw fr 110,000 (estimate Sw fr 65,000-85,000) for the French translation of *De La Nature* by Lucrece, which was published in 1934 and bound by Bonet in 1940. The sale of bindings made a total of £710,712 with 16 per cent left unsold.

The sale of art nouveau and art deco in Geneva on Sunday gave Christie's more trouble with 32 per cent unsold and a total of £471,085. It was the expensive French glass, Daum and Gallé in particular, which was heavily unsold.

Nearly all the top lots were bought by private collectors from America. This included Sw fr 373,000 or £122,697 for a unique wood-mounted overlay glass vase by Daum, of Nancy, entitled "Les Vireres" and first exhibited in Mancy in 1909.

Christie's sale of important European porclein in Geneva yesterday was also hard work with a total of £389,324 and 30 per cent unsold. A Meissen gold-mounted snuffbox painted with Italianate buildings around harbours sold for Sw fr 66,000 (estimate Sw fr 30,000-40,000) or £21,710 to G. Robbig, a German dealer.

A Meissen rectangular tea caddy and cover from the service made for Pope Benedict XIV about 1748 sold to M. & G. Segal, of Basle, at Sw fr 60,000 (estimate Sw fr 30,00-40,000) or £19,901.

In London yesterday Christie's sale of Chinese export porcelain made £204,735 with 29 per cent unsold.

Salvador Dali's formal "Portrait of the artist's father" contrasts sharply with his more outlandish surrealist works, such as "Soft construction with boiled beans" in the Homage to Barcelona exhibition which opens at the Hayward Gallery, London, on Thursday (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Church news

Appointments

The Rev B H Adams, Chaplain, St Brandon's School, Clevedon, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be curate, Street with Walton, same diocese.

The Rev D S Ainge, priest-in-charge, Becontree, St Alban, diocese of Chelmsford, to be also priest-in-charge, Becontree, St John and team rector-designate of the proposed Becontree South team ministry, same diocese.

The Rev R J Allen, Vicar, Church of the Ascension, Woolston, Warrington, diocese of Liverpool, to be Vicar, St Andrew's, Bournville, Weston-super-Mare, diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Rev P M Arnold, curate, St Mary Abbots, Kensington, diocese of London, to be curate, St Paul's, Wokingham, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev C A Billington, Chaplain, Leybourne Grange Hospital, West Malling, diocese of Rochester, to be Vicar, Walsden, West Yorkshire, diocese of Wakefield.

The Rev C J Boswell, Rector of St Mary the Virgin, Caterham, diocese of Southwark, to be also priest-in-charge, St Peter and St Paul, Chaldon, same diocese.

The Rev J Bowers, Vicar, St Peter's, Evercreech, Shepton Mallett, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be also sub-warden of readers in Wells Archdeaconry, same diocese.

The Rev R I Bowman-Eadie, director of training, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be also bishop's examining chaplain, same diocese.

The Rev M C Boyes, team vicar in the Sampford Peverell team ministry, diocese of Exeter, to be team rector of Sampford Peverell, Uplowman, Holcombe Rogus, Hockworthy, Burlescombe and Huntsham (Sampford Peverell team ministry) same diocese.

The Rev T L Card, formerly Rector, Springfield, All Saints, diocese of Chelmsford, appointed curate-in-charge, Becontree, St John and team vicar-designate of the proposed Becontree South team ministry, same diocese.

The Rev R G Clarke, Vicar, St Andrew's, Islington, diocese of London, to be team rector of the Marlbrook team ministry, Bath, diocese Bath and Wells.

Canon G Clayton, Rector, St Martin's, Salisbury, diocese of Salisbury, to be Master, St Nicholas's Hospital, Salisbury, same diocese.

The Rev J A H Clegg, team Vicar, Shaston team ministry, diocese of Salisbury: to be Rector, Holy Trinity, Poulton-le-Sands, with St Laurence, Morecambe, diocese of Blackburn.

The Rev B Clover, curate, St James the Great, Friern Barnet, diocese of London, to be curate, St James, West Hampstead, same diocese.

The Rev B E Cook, curate, St Peter's, Petersfield with St Mary, Sheet, diocese of Portsmouth, to be Rector, St Mary's, Liss, same diocese.

The Rev A F Davis, Vicar, St Andrew's, Sudbury, diocese of London, to be also area Dean of Brent, same diocese.

The Rev C R Duncan, Rector, Wittersham with Stone in Oxney and Ebony, diocese of Canterbury, to be parish priest, Chilham, same diocese.

Canon D I T Eastman, canon of Windsor and formerly Archdeacon of Buckingham, to be archdeacon emeritus upon his retirement from his Windsor canonry.

The Rev P A Frostick, team Vicar, Barton Mills, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, to be team Vicar, Raveningham team ministry, diocese of Norwich.

The Rev H Gallagher, curate, Badsworth, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Vicar, Middlezoy, Othery and Moorlinch, same diocese.

The Rev M W George, curate, Bruton, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Vicar, Middlezoy, Othery and Moorlinch, same diocese.

The Rev G H Hall, chaplain to the Forces, Rheindahlen Garrison, to be Vicar, St Edward the Confessor, Barnsley, diocese of Wakefield.

The Rev V R Harrod, curate, St John's, Tilbury Docks, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Rector of Orsett and priest-in-charge, Bulpham, and part-time Church of England chaplain of Orsett Hospital, same diocese.

The Rev J C F Hawnt, curate in charge, St Philip's, Rugby, diocese of Coventry, to be Rector of Lydeard St Lawrence with Brompton Ralph, Combe Florey, Ash Priors and Tolland, diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Rev I Henderson, Vicar, Church of the Ascension, Hanger Hill, diocese of London, to be also priest-in-charge, St Mary's, west Twyford, same diocese.

The Rev A Hindley, curate, Huddersfield St Peter, diocese of Wakefield, to be priest-in-charge, Holmfield St Andrew, same diocese.

The Rev P D G Ingledew, team Vicar, Poplar, diocese of London, to be Vicar, Holy Trinity, Tottenham, diocese of London.

Canon D Jackson, Vicar, Bishop's Stortford, St Michael, and hon canon of St Albans, diocese St Albans, to be Rector and canon emeritus, Pagel, diocese of Bermuda.

The Rev D M Kitching, priest-in-charge, St George's, Hornchurch, diocese of Chelmsford, to be priest-in-charge, Graveley with Papworth St Agnes with Yelling and Toseland, Croxton and Eltisley, diocese of Ely.

The Rev D Lawson, Vicar, All Saints', Keighley, diocese of Bradford: to be assistant Chaplain, University College Hospital, diocese of London.

The Rev M D Lewis, Vicar, North Curry, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be also bishop's examining chaplain, same diocese.

The Rev D T McCann, priest-in-charge, St Hilda's, Prestwich, diocese of Manchester, to be Vicar, same parish.

The Rev B W Mountford, Vicar, Southgate, diocese of London, to be Vicar, St Mary the Virgin (university church) with St Cross and St Peter in the East, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev I H Owers, Vicar, Christ Church with St Andrew's and St Michael's, East Greenwich, diocese of Southwark: to be also priest-in-charge, St George's, Westcombe Park, same diocese.

Science report

Oilmen take research out of the laboratory

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

New developments in science based industries such as electronics and pharmaceuticals usually have their origin in a discovery in a basic research laboratory.

An outstanding exception to that pattern, in the drilling of wells, is being adopted to transform a field of fundamental pure research.

Elaborate methods of electronic analysis are employed by oilmen to measure the chemical and physical state of rocks almost as soon as the drill has penetrated a new layer of rock.

Rather than remove a core section for analysis in the laboratory, measurements are made by remote control through instruments detecting electrical, acoustic, nuclear activation and other signals. Thus a profile of the borehole is assembled. As the drill moves through different layers, the strength and porosity is determined.

Most important of all for oil exploration, the flow of fluid through porous rocks is detected, showing whether the substance contains oil and gas.

Advances are continuing in this method of remote control, but the underlying principles are now described in the *Encyclopedia of Well Logging*, which is the English version of a manual from the Institute Français du Petrole.

The idea of the "log" substituting for the core of rock is an indication of the difference between the goals of oil exploration and basic geological research. Although an understanding of the geology of the strata through which a drill bit gouges is important to the industrialist, the economics of drilling deeper in more inhospitable places call for quicker and easier ways of getting chemical and physical information to the surface.

The well logging service of the oil industry has been described as its single most important and most profitable part.

Drilling deep into the Earth for purely scientific purposes has depended entirely on retrieving sections of core for detailed analysis. Without the commercial pressure, scientists have had more time to cut and withdraw cylindrical pieces of rock slowly. These are stored in special conditions to prevent deterioration.

But the costs of drilling for scientific purposes, mainly done through the Deep Sea Drilling Project, where holes are relatively shallow although they are beneath great depths of water, are rising sharply. So scientists are looking at ways of employing well logging for their purposes.

At a conference of scientific well logging held earlier this year at the Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory in New York, reports on successful trials in measuring the chemical elements in the form needed by geologists by remote instruments were among indications for the future.

Source: Encyclopedia of Well Logging, Graham & Trotman, London, £82.

University news

London
Appointments
Marianne Wynn, BA, MA, PhD, to the chair of German at Westfield College from October 1.
Oliver Gilbert Brooke, MB, BS, to the chair of child health at St George's Hospital Medical School from October 1.
Conferments of title of professor
Polish history at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies: Ivor Norman Richard Davies BA, MA, PhD, from October 1.
Anatomy and embryology at St George's Hospital Medical School: Christopher Craig Wylie, BSc, PhD, from October 1.
Applied economics at Birkbeck College: Ronald Patrick Smith, BA, PhD, from June 1, 1985.
Clinical endocrinology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School: Graham Frank Joplin, MB, ChB, PhD, from October 1.
Australian studies at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies: Thomas Bruce Millar, PhD, from August 15.
Appointment of reader
Michael Jarman, BA, MA, PhD, DSc, has been appointed reader in chemistry at the Institute of Cancer Research from October 1.
Conferments of title of reader
Neuropharmacology at the School of Pharmacy: M A Simmonds, BPharm, DPhil, from October 1; physiology at St George's Hospital Medical School: P S Richardson, BA, BSc, MSc, BM, BCh, MA, DM, from October 1; child health at the Institute of Child Health: J V Leonard, BA, MB, BChir, PhD, from October 1; medical computing at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College: D Ingram, BA, PhD, from August 1; conservative dentistry at the Guy's Campus of the United Medical and Dental Schools: Edwina A M Kidd, BDS, PhD, from July 1; respiratory medicine at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School: J M B Hughes, BA, MA, BM, BCh, DM, from October 1.
Anaesthesia at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School: G M Hall, MB, BS, PhD, from October 1; psychopharmacology at the School of Pharmacy: Sandra E File, BSc, PhD, DSc, June 1, 1985; histopathology at the United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas's (St Thomas's Campus): D R Davies, BSc, PhD, DSc, from July 1, 1985; radiation biology at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College: J E Coggle, BSc, MSc, PhD, from October 1; oral immunology at the Guy's Campus of the United Medical and Dental Schools: S J Challacombe, LDS, BDS, PhD, from July 1; clinical pharmacology at the Institute of Cancer Research: A H Calvert, BA, MB, BChir, MSc, MD, from June 1, 1985.
Heythrop College
The Rev Bruno Brinkman, SJ, formerly dean of the pontifical faculty of theology at Heythrop in Oxfordshire, and founder of the "Heythrop Journal", and the Rev James Colliston, SJ, founding secretary and registrar of Heythrop College, have been appointed honorary fellows of the college.

Professionals take trophy

The London Professional team won the Lederer memorial trophy, the London bridge event for six invited teams, held at the Chelsea Bridge Club at the weekend.

The Professionals and the Irish drew clear of the field at an early stage and continued neck and neck until the penultimate round when the Professionals surged ahead to win by 18 victory points. England, the holders finished a surprising fifth.

Results
1. London Professionals: D Edwin, R Sampson, N Selway, R Smolski 318; 2, Ireland: B Senior, P Walshe, A Mesbur, N Fitzgibbon 300; 3, Gold Cup winners: C Dixon, B Shenkin, I Rose, M J Flint, R M Sheehan, V Silverstone 267.

Society of Merchant Venturers of Bristol

The following have been elected officers of the Society of Merchant Venturers of Bristol for the ensuing year:
Master: Sir John Wills, Lord-Lieutenant of Avon; Senior Warden: Mr G. E. McWatters; Junior Wardens: Mr J. E. D. Wilcox; First Assistant: Mr D. C. Tudway Quilter; Treasurer: Mr A. L. Robinson.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: **Mr A. M. J. Galsworthy** and **Mr J. N. C. James** to be members of the Council of the Prince of Wales.
Mr Philip Cooper to be Comptroller General of the Patent Office from January 1. He will succeed Mr Ivor Davis, who is retiring.
Mr M. Madden to be promoted to Under Secretary, Management Services Group, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on December 19, in succession to Mr J. E. Dixon.
Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Richardson to be a member of the board of management of the RAF Benevolent Fund's home for the elderly at Alastrean House, Tarland, Aberdeenshire. He succeeds Air Vice-Marshal F. L. Dodd.

OBITUARY

MR JAMES HANLEY

Neglected genius of the novel

James Hanley, who died yesterday at the age of 84, was a writer who attracted immediate critical notice when his first novel, *Drift*, was published in 1930.

Subsequently, during forty years devoted to the novel and short story, his work was praised, sometimes in the highest terms, by a number of eminent contemporaries, but the themes and backgrounds of his books – the lives of simple and inarticulate men at sea and of men and women ashore in poor and narrow circumstances and the grip of powerful obsessions – were not the kind which, in the English novel, command wide attention and he failed to reach the position of literary distinction and influence to which his creative powers and technical ability otherwise seemed to entitle him.

Born in Liverpool on September 3, 1901, of Irish-Catholic parents (the original spelling of his name was Hanly), inspired by the example of his father who had given up a three-generation family printing business for the merchant service, he ran away to sea while still a boy and sailed round the world before deserting ship in New Brunswick during the First World War.

There, by falsifying his age, he joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force and later fought in France. Afterwards he returned to the sea and worked for several years as a deckhand. But an early interest in literature had now developed into a determination to write himself.

In 1924 he left the sea, took a job as a railway porter and used his spare time to learn his craft. He also studied music which became another of his life-long passions.

After *Drift*, a remarkably accomplished first novel which portrayed a young man's struggle to break away from a tyrannical father and the religious influence of a devout mother, came a collection of equally accomplished and sometimes horrifying short stories about seamen, *Men in Darkness* (1931).

In the same year the young author shocked the primmer sections of the literary world with a short novel about a ship's boy who is sexually assaulted by several members of the crew and then murdered by the captain. *Boy* was printed in full in Paris but in London in a titillatingly expurgated version.

For some years it enjoyed an arcane reputation; but its effect on Hanley's was ambiguous, and his experience of publishing it may well have been among the factors that led to the defensive attitude in his professional dealings which made it difficult for him to have a long-term association with any one publisher – a situation aggravated by the prodigious output of the first decade of his career.

Between 1930 and 1941 the bibliography of his published works lists eleven novels, ten collections of short stories and novellas, an autobiography, a sociological study and a documentary narrative. Some of these were privately printed, the others appeared under eight different imprints, but the latter included such distinguished houses as John Lane, the Bodley Head; Chatto and Windus and Faber and Faber.

Among the novels were the important *Hollow Sea* (1938) – a long, subtly organized account of the voyage of a troopship to the Dardanelles, and *The Ocean* (1941) a starkly simple record of a ship's boat adrift after a torpedoing; as well as the first three novels of his most ambitious but perhaps least successful project, the five volume saga of the Furys family (which was not completed until 1958 with *An End and a Beginning*).

At this point Hanley might have applied himself successfully to earn wider popularity because the subjects of *Hollow Sea* and *The Ocean* had a special and unusual appeal in the early years of the war and they had the seal of critical approval. He was now being compared, to his advantage, with Conrad.

However, he retired to the seclusion of a small Welsh village as if to take stock of his talents and follow them through to their logical conclusion – one that admitted of no compromise with his truthful but uncomfortable vision. Although the Welsh period eventually gave him a subsidiary and lyrical vein to work on and produced a minor masterpiece, the prose-poem, *The Welsh Sonata*, and a fine book of essays (plus a short story) *Don Quixote Drowned*, at first it seemed to narrow his range.

The intensity of focus that had characterised his work became in novels such as *No Directions* (1943) almost claustrophobic in its effect and critical reservations about his style and subject-matter which had often been voiced alongside the tributes to the power of his best work now gained ground.

Undeterred he went on to produce the two finest novels of his maturity, *The Closed Harbour* (1952), the story of a disgraced French sea-captain still obsessed by his position as a master of ships, and *Levine* (1956), about a refugee Polish sailor torn between his love for the English girl who befriends him and his longing to go back to sea.

After *Say Nothing* (1962), a novel about a man who lives with a strange couple with whom he cannot communicate, Hanley virtually abandoned fiction, and turned to drama. He published no fiction for ten years, but his four last novels resembled plays at least inasmuch as they consisted of dialogue linked by plain prose rather like stage directions. Notable among them wa *A Dream Journey* (1976).

He had some success with drama for television and radio; his adaptation of *Say Nothing* and the original play *Leave Us Alone* (1972) were produced in London (other plays were produced in New York and Hamburg); but few amongst the audiences connected the dramatist with the original, praised but neglected novelist.

A Walk in the Sea (1966), about an old woman who will not leave her house, and chooses suicide rather than eviction, made a strong impact on television.

Of all the English writers who had consistently good reviews from the late 1930s onwards, Hanley has been thought the most urgently due for reassessment – many of his books have been reprinted, and a uniform edition was started in the 1950s, but was discontinued.

The integrity and disturbingly acute though gloomy vision of his best books will certainly be remembered in the chronicle of the century's literature.

DR PARR TATE

Dr Parr Tate, Reader in Parasitology in the University of Cambridge and Director of the Molteno Institute from 1953 to 1968, died in Cork on November 7 at the age of 84.

Born on April 27, 1901, in County Cork, he studied under Professor Renouf and took his BSc. with 1st Class honours in Zoology and Botany at the National University of Ireland in 1923.

After obtaining his M. Sc. he was granted a travelling scholarship from the National University of Ireland and moved to the Molteno Institute at Cambridge to work under Professor Nuttall.

Here he was allotted a somewhat discouraging problem on the Dermatophytes or ringworm fungi. But, encouraged by Professor David Keilin, who had recently discovered the cytochromes, he undertook some of the earliest work on the respiratory enzymes of parasitic fungi; and this work still forms the basis for the biochemical studies on this group of organisms.

In the late 1920s the study of bird malaria as the basis of chemotherapeutic tests for antimalarial drugs was begun at the Molteno Institute and Tate was closely associated with this work from the outset.

In studying a new species of malaria parasite in the domestic fowl, *Plasmodium gallinaceum*, Tate, in collaboration with Colonel S. P. James, discovered that besides the familiar developmental cycle of the parasite in the blood cells, there was a second cycle in the endothelial cells of various organs, including the brain, and that these endothelial stages were highly resistant to drugs. These results were at first strongly opposed; but they were soon fully confirmed.

This work on *Plasmodium gallinaceum*, which, in the words of Sir Philip Manson-Baker, "startled the protozoological world" stimulated great activity among workers on malaria throughout the globe and great efforts were made to detect similar "exo-erythrocytic" stages in the malaria parasites of man or of monkeys.

Success was finally achieved by Shortt and Garnham in 1948 when they demonstrated developmental stages of the malaria parasite in the liver tissue cells of monkeys.

Tate also did much interesting work on genetics of flies and on the biology of mosquitos, as well as on parasitic fungi and protozoa.

As Director of the Molteno Institute and editor of *Parasitology*, Tate was highly successful. He continued to attract a long series of visiting workers and during his tenure there was always a happy and lively atmosphere in the Department.

Like his mentor and predecessor David Keilin, Tate was a lifelong sufferer from asthma, but this did nothing to repress his lifelong addiction to the dry quip, expressed in his well-known Irish brogue, which likewise never deserted him.

DR AUBREY WESTLAKE

John Myers writes:

Dr Aubrey Westlake, Hon Life Vice President of the British Society of Dowsers and President of the Psionic Medical Society, died on October 30. He was 92.

Westlake practised as a London GP until retiring just before the Second World War. He then went on to gain international recognition for his work with alternative medical treatment of diseases.

His newly republished book, *The Pattern of Health* is considered a source of reference by workers in the field of supersensory healing.

Aubrey Thomas Westlake was the son of Ernest Westlake, who with the help of Ernest Thompson Seton, author and naturalist, founded the Order of Woodcraft Chivalry, an educational youth movement which has introduced countless children to the benefits of an outdoor life and to an appreciation of the countryside and British flora & fauna.

Westlake was possibly one of the last survivors of the group of youth educators which included Ernest Thompson Seton, Lord Baden-Powell, John Hargraves and Leslie Paul, whose ideals so influenced the course of modern youth education.

The Rt Rev Monsignor George Arthur Tomlinson, who died on All Souls' Day at the age of 79, was Administrator of Westminster Cathedral from 1964 to 1967. He was rector of St James's, Spanish Place, London from 1967 to 1977

Lady Derwent, wife of Lord Derwent, died on November 3 at the age of 87.

CHRISTIE'S WEEK IN VIEW
A selection from our 27 sales in London this week.

Old and Modern Jewellery: Tuesday 12 November at 2p.m., South Kensington: A small collection of early 19th century jewellery commemorating Halley's Comet, consisting of 23 gem-set lots mounted in either gold or silver will be offered today, with estimates from £80 to £120.

Modern Sporting Guns and Vintage Firearms: Wednesday 13 November at 11a.m., King Street: Some fine pieces by Holland & Holland including a 20-bore (2¾in.) 'Royal Self-Opener' built in 1936 should realise £8,000 to £11,000, while best among a group of Purdeys are a set of three and five pairs of 12-bore guns.

Antique Arms and Armour: Wednesday 13 November at 10.30 a.m., King Street: Various elements from armour made for the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V include an escutcheon for a chanfron from a horse armour by Kolman Helmschmied of Augsburg, and the left ear-piece from the horse chanfron of the Mühlberg armour, as seen in the famous Titian portrait in the Prado.

Fine Continental Furniture, Rugs and Tapestries: Thursday 14 November at 10.30a.m. and 2.30p.m., King Street: A rich variety of French, German and Italian furniture includes commodes by Boudin and J.C. Ellaume and a Ludwig II Japanese lacquer cartonnier, with a selection of fine 16th and 17th century Dutch and Flemish tapestries.

Théodore Géricault: The Hans E. Bühler Collection of Pictures, Drawings and Lithographs: Friday 15 November at 11a.m., King Street: The finest private collection of works by Géricault comprises some 30 oils and 40 drawings with 80 lots of lithographs. The artist's early death at the age of 33 means that good examples of his work rarely come on to the market. Among the highlights of this sale are *La course de chevaux libres*, the major project of his years in Rome, and the striking portrait *Buste de nègre* painted in connection with the Raft of Medusa in the Louvre. The outstanding drawings include works from the artist's visit to England and an illustration to Byron's poem *The Giaour* expected to realise £100,000 to £150,000, while among the prints is the lithograph *Boxeurs* estimated at £18,000 to £25,000.

Important Jesuit Lacquers and Japanese Works of Art from the Age of Western Influence: Tuesday 19 November at 3p.m., King Street: An exceptionally well preserved and elegantly decorated Momoyama period lacquer Christian shrine enclosing a contemporary Italian painting is expected to realise £80,000 to £120,000. The thirty exquisite pieces in the sale will also include a late 16th century Christian pyx (host box), very few of which survived the persecution, expected to fetch £25,000 to £35,000.

Important English Drawings and Watercolours: Tuesday 19 November at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., King Street: Works of topographical interest are the main theme, with the largest collection of works by Edward Lear, a view of Mainz on the Rhine by J. M. W. Turner, and outstanding view of the barracks, Antigua by Thomas Hearne, expected to fetch £8,000 to £12,000.

Viewing: King Street: Weekdays 9 a.m. – 4.45 p.m.; Sundays 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Enquiries: (01) 839 9060
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The fiery start to a friendship

Leading ladies in the Gulf: the Emir hosts the Queen in 1979, and Mrs Thatcher in 1981

When Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad al-Thani, the Emir of Qatar, drives to Buckingham Palace with the Queen today in the State landau, he may well recall that relations between his kingdom and hers were not always so rosy.

For Qatar's first experience of the British was unpleasant – and painful. In 1821, the East India Company's warship Vestal bombarded the tiny, mud-built town of Doha, today the Emir's modern, air-conditioned capital, razing it to the ground.

The ill-armed Qataris were forced to flee to neighbouring islands to escape the fury of the British guns. Twenty years later, moreover, the British did it again.

These bombardments were in retaliation for attacks on vessels of the East India Company made by Arab pirates based in the Gulf. For the Board of Control in London regarded this waterway, lying strategically astride the sea-route to India, as strictly a "British sea".

Modern Arab historians dispute this explanation, however, arguing that those warlike dhow captains were not pirates at all but early freedom fighters resisting British incursions into their waters. Indeed, one of Sheikh Khalifa's neighbours, the Ruler of Sharjah, has just received a doctorate from a British university based on this very thesis.

Because it then had no paramount leader, until the late 1860s Qatar was regarded by the British as belonging to Bahrain, over whom they exercised considerable political control – although obviously not enough. For in 1867 the Bahrainis, who were having trouble with their neighbours, despatched a powerful force of men and warships to sack and loot Doha, and teach its inhabitants a lesson they would not forget.

Once again, the unfortunate Qataris were forced to flee their devastated capital, simultaneously losing most of their fleet to the enemy. Bowed but far from beaten, however, the following year they launched a counter-attack on Bahrain, in which both sides suffered heavy casualties.

Alarmed at these disturbances in waters supposedly policed by themselves, the British despatched warships to the area and managed to establish peace between the two quarrelling neighbours.

But Qatar was then still nominally part of the Ottoman Turkish Empire, and Britain's relations with Doha therefore were not fully consolidated until 1916. Then, following the surrender of the Turkish garrison at Doha, a treaty was signed between Britain and Qatar's powerful ruling family, the al-Thanis, which brought them into the network of treaties which London had already concluded with other states in the Gulf.

BASIC FACTS

Head of State	HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamed al-Thani
Area	11,427 square kilometres
National Day	September 3
Accession of Ruler Day	February 22
Parliament	Advisory Council
Population	257,000 (1985)
Capital	Doha
Main towns	Umm Said, Al-Khor, Dukhan, Wakrah
Ports	Doha, Umm Said
Currency	Qatari Riyal (QR) £1 = QR5.187 $1 = QR3.641
Daily newspapers	Al-Aruba, Gulf Times, Al-Rayah
Language	Arabic (English is widely used in business)

Under this, Britain agreed to provide Qatar with protection from attack; while the Qataris undertook not to enter into relations with any other foreign power without British consent, and to desist from piracy and arms or slave trafficking.

Such were the formal beginnings of a friendship and profitable working relationship which have continued, despite Britain's exodus from the Gulf, to this day: Britain, moreover, has played a major role in the development of this small and little-known desert sheikhdom which, until the discovery of oil, derived a modest income from pearling and fishing.

As long ago as the 1870s, a far-sighted British Political Resident stationed at Bushire in the Gulf had forecast a renaissance for the Arab tribes in his area, including the Qataris.

"Here before you", Colonel Lewis Pelly told the Royal Geographical Society in London, "is society in the making. Meeting these Arabs you readily comprehend how once they stormed across the world. You leave them persuaded that they still possess qualities which may again render them renowned, should outward circumstances favour."

Outward circumstances, as the whole world now knows, did favour, in the shape of the thick black gold of the Gulf – oil. On May 17, 1935, a 35-year concession was granted by Qatar to the British-controlled Anglo-Persian Oil Company, giving it exclusive rights to explore for, exploit, refine and market all oil and natural gas there. Four years later, the first traces of oil were detected. But during the Second World War further exploration ceased, and not until 1949 did the exploitation of Qatar's substantial reserves begin.

During the mid-1970s, in common with all other oil-producers, Qatar began to enjoy the huge revenues fuelled by the sudden price spiral. These were to transform the sheikhdom totally.

The days have gone, however, when British companies expected business to come their way almost by right, although UK passport holders are still the only westerners not to need a visa.

Even so, despite a considerable drop in exports since 1982, Britain is still Qatar's second largest supplier after Japan, which for some years has been by far Qatar's largest trading partner.

Britain also enjoys one virtual monopoly among invisible exports – the English language. The British Council today has 12 representatives in Qatar, also maintaining an English language teaching centre and library in Doha. It also arranges regular visits by British specialists in many fields, from public health to librarianship, as well as organizing training courses in medicine, education, finance and banking.

While Qatar has prospered, just as Colonel Pelly forecast, so British influence in the Gulf has declined from the days when British political advisers dominated its affairs and the Royal Navy ruled its placid waters.

Nevertheless, relations which began so inauspiciously in 1821 with the bombardment of Doha, have probably never been warmer than today when the Queen drives to Victoria Station to welcome Sheikh Khalifa at the start of four days of ceremony and celebration which should further cement those historic links.

Peter Hopkirk

A cautious man of total power

The Emir of Qatar, who begins a three-day state visit to Britain today, is a traditional Gulf ruler intent on taking his country into the 20th century, while believing in using its oil revenues cautiously. His manner is decisive and forthright, but he subjects decisions to a careful, typically Qatari assessment. Little is done without his personal approval and few things go on within the Emirate without his knowing about them.

Qatar, a small peninsular state thrusting into the Gulf from the Arabian heartland, is very much his personal fiefdom and its capital, Doha, his painstaking creation.

In the 1960s Sheikh Khalifa increasingly took over the reins of government from his uncle, Sheikh Ahmad, who finally abdicated in his favour in February 1972, a few months after Qatar achieved independence from the British. Some claim that Sheikh Khalifa would have liked to see Qatar a member of the federation that became in 1971 the United Arab Emirates. He has certainly been a prime force behind moves for Gulf unity that culminated in 1981 with the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council.

A son educated at Sandhurst

Qatar has a population of 240,000, only 60,000 of whom are Qatari. At least 2,000 of these belong to the al-Thani clan. The family originally came to the peninsula in the 18th century from Saudi Arabia and continues to have good relations with its giant neighbour.

Many al-Thanis are in the government, notably the Emir's eldest son and designated Crown Prince, Sheikh Ahmad, who is seen as taking on more responsibility these days in running the country in addition to his job as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces (he was partly educated at Sandhurst).

Sheikh Hamad, for instance, has stayed behind to take care of things in Doha during his father's absence in Europe. His brother, Sheikh Abd al-Aziz, is the highly visible Minister of Finance an Petroleum, who has accompanied his father to Britain. Another younger brother, Sheikh Abdullah, is deputy Commander-in-Chief, also educated at Sandhurst. A brother of the Emir's, Sheikh Suhaim bin Hamad al-Thani, was Foreign Minister, albeit inactive, until his death last summer. Another brother, Khalid, is Interior Minister.

The Emir is about to move his administrative officers into a huge new palace that looms over the present informal Diwan in the heart of the city. The building reflects its principal occupant's attempt to retain traditional values in a modern society, not an easy alliance in today's Gulf.

One of the most modest of capitals

It is one which Sheikh Khalifa has tried to reinforce by rigid control of building development in Doha, one of the most modest of Gulf capitals and therefore also one of the most human, as well as by setting up a range of cultural institutions to ensure that the tradition is not lost.

Behind all such development is the Emir, whether it is on the ground, as with the city, or under the ground, as with the North Field gas development. In old office or new he turns up every day he is in Qatar and makes sure everyone else turns up as well.

Little homilies on correct behaviour are posted on boards around Doha, mainly to do with driving (standards there are certainly improvable). A typical one reads: "Respecting traffic signals reflects your responsible behaviour". One leaves with the impression of a benign, slightly Victorian parent ensuring that all's well so long as you behave properly.

For the Emir, who today will be renewing his acquaintance with the Queen, first made in 1979 during her Gulf tour, remains deeply and personally involved in the running of his well-ordered country.

Sarah Searight

QATAR

GULF AIR WELCOMES HIS HIGHNESS THE AMIR OF QATAR TO LONDON

This proud and aloof nation

Qatar is a small, 4,000 square mile peninsula that juts into the Gulf midway between Iraq and the Straits of Hormuz. Iran is about 150 miles to the north. Geographically and traditionally Qatar has often stood aloof from the affairs of the Arabian peninsula, although invaded by the fundamentalist Wahhabis in the 19th century.

This relative isolation has helped the Qataris to face recession and the Gulf war. Qataris are proud of their aloofness from the profligate development of the oil price boom; their capital and their lifestyle are as low-key as their government's policies in foreigh and domestic affairs.

Isolation has also bred a predilection for keeping out of sight. When Qataris take part in events beyond their frontiers they prefer to do it as part of a group. They laugh when asked if they would follow Oman's example in establishing diplomatic links with the US. "We shall be the last but one," a foreign ministry official said.

Before the establishment of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) in 1981 the Qatari government championed calls for the creation of some form of Gulf-wide alignment, and the Emir has gone to considerable pains to keep alive the spirit of co-operation behind the GCC, demonstrated so far in a common economic agreement and attempts to integrate defence systems.

Qataris see their political integrity bolstered by this co-operation, whereas some GCC members, notably Kuwait, see it as in danger of being over-intrusive. The GCC gives the Qataris a diplomatic cover that allows them to operate internationally without abandoning their traditional low profile.

The Emir is a strong supporter of the GCC as promoting regional unity. The 1983 meeting of Gulf heads of state in Doha was an event of great prestige to the Qataris, proud not only of their city, which had a remarkable facelift for the occasion, but also of the demonstration that their lonely peninsula was as vital a member of the council as anyone else. The Emir was instrumental in persuading the UN secretary-general Javier Pérez de Cuellar to visit Tehran and Baghdad and Qatari officials stress the importance of keeping open the dialogue with both sides.

Qatar has been the least affected of the Gulf states by the Iran-Iraq dispute. Next to the UAE it maintains the friendliest relations with Iran, while accepting a GCC position that favours Iraq. Iraq is viewed as an Arab brother, but this fellow feeling is partly offset by a long-standing fear on account of Irag's size and its revolutionary secular fervour.

Great sympathy for Palestinians

Like other Gulf states Qatar has a Shi'a population originating – like several of its Sunni families – from Iraq. But it is a smaller proportion than elsewhere – between 5 and 7 per cent – and not a threat to the security of the state.

Shi's families are prominent in government and the business community and one of them, the old pearling family of al-Fardan, now leading Gulf jewellers, bought Tiffany's in New York recently. The recession has provided a good excuse to repatriate many migrant Iranian workers.

A faint cloud on the GCC horizon, watched warily by all Gulf states, is its possible domination by its largest and most populous member, Saudi Arabia. Qataris are generally less worried about this. Their Wahhabi traditions relieve them of Saudi religious pressures and they have been glad to accept the Saudi military umbrella, facilitated by the United States, particularly in the summer of 1984.

Every Gulf country would like to have an independent defence, hence the confusion of weaponry that has been bought. Qatar has a small army of about 8,000 (mainly expatriate, including most of the officers), a nine-vessel navy well supplied with Exocets that keeps an effective watch on territorial waters and 14 Mirage fighters awaiting a new air base.

The war tends to overshadow the Palestinian issue in daily commentary. But both account for the disillusion and exasperation expressed by Qataris as by other Arabs of the area with what are seen as super-power machinations in the Middle East.

From the Emir downwards Qataris have enormous sympathy for the plight of Palestinians, about 20,000 of whom live in Qatar, most of them moderate supporters of the PLO and including some effective and well-established members of the Qatari community who have no intention of rocking the boat to press their concerns.

Qataris are remarkably tolerant of foreign ways, given their fundamental conservatism. Expatriates of all nationalities say they feel at home in Doha, part of a community that respects local customs and vice versa. The Qatari community maintains a sense of cohesion, partly through the character of its ruler, partly through a range of typically Arabian consultative processes of which the most conspicuous is the Majlis al-Shura.

This translates as consultative assembly, a kind of advisory council headed by the Emir which is composed of about 40 leading Qataris, representatives of the principal families. It is strictly advisory, a means of ensuring support rather than enlisting it.

Ample oil revenue has created an all-embracing welfare state. Qataris are also generous aid givers (at one point heading the list per capita donors with $33.50 a head), though less so to political causes, to the frustration of Palestinians and Iraqis.

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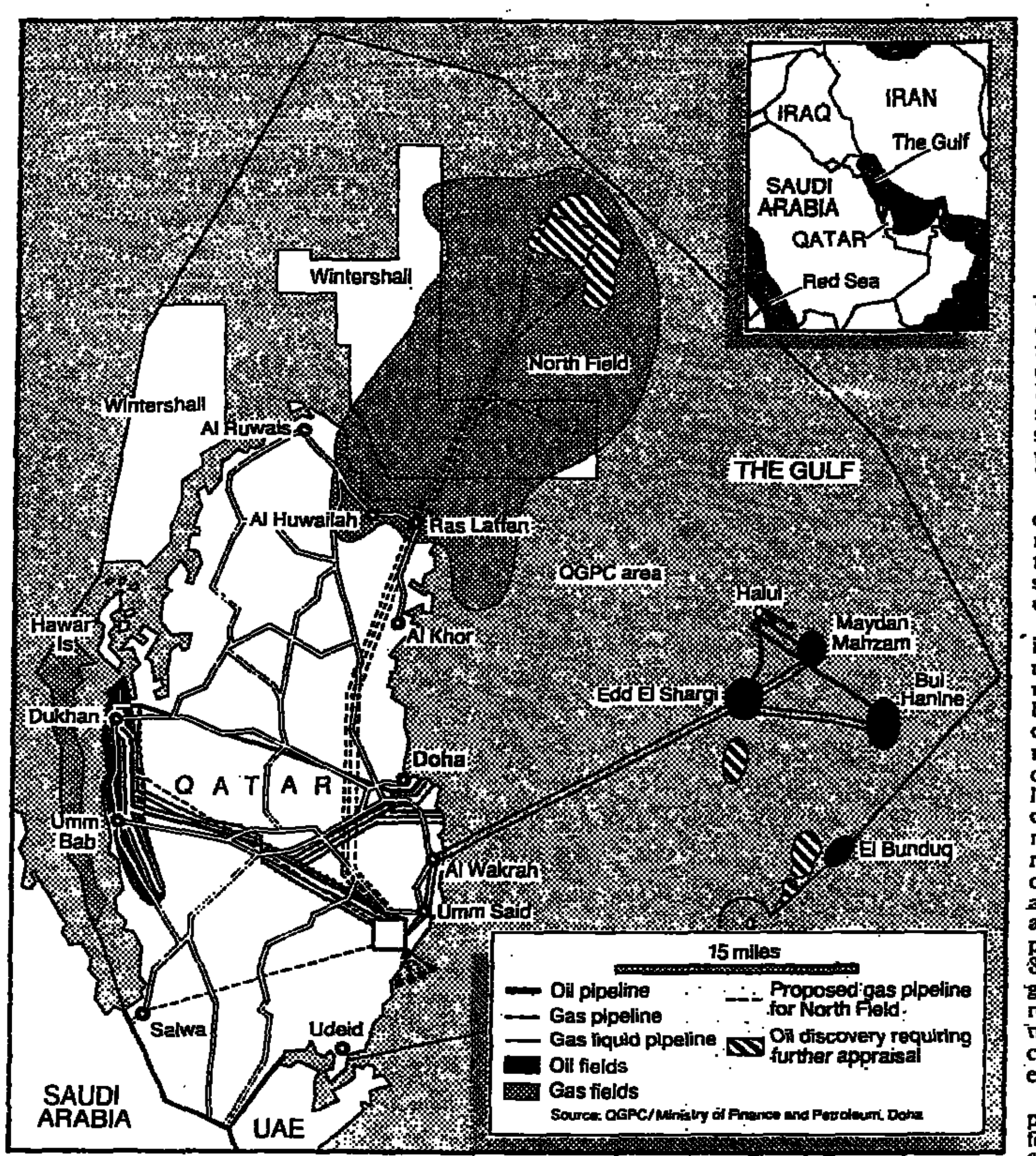

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A clamp on spending as the economy takes a rest

Doha is like a rather sleepy provincial town these days. Most major construction projects have been put to bed for the time being, although a few cranes hover on the skyline and the Emir's new palace looms over the old like a benign town hall. To the north of the city small residential suburbs snooze beside the sea: development on the reclaimed land of West Bay is taking a rest.

The economy is dormant and even the one prospect for its revitalization – development of the North Field gas – has been subjected to the most cautious of appraisals.

Somnolence is not a bad idea in the Gulf now and Qatar reponded to the fall in oil revenues by pulling down its blinds well ahead of its neighbours, now more economically troubled. Budgets are closely tied to oil revenues. In recent years the oil sector has on average accounted for 60 per cent of GDP, 85 per cent of government revenues and more than 90 per cent of export earnings.

Total revenue peaked in 1980 when oil exports fetched $5,459 million (about £3,650 million). After falling from 1981-83, oil revenues rose in 1984 when Qatar was producing an average of 420,000 barrels a day (b/d) – well in excess of its Opec quota.

This year it is respecting its Opec quota of 280,000 b/d and revenue for the 1985-86 financial year is estimated at $2,705 million.

Expenditure is set at $4,735 million leaving a deficit of $2,030 million. Budget deficits have been met in the past by drawing on reserves, which have come down from a peak of $14,000 million probably to about $10,000 million. Budgets are not good guides to economic performance in the Gulf. Government spending has been the prime economic motivator and governments tend to use budgets as a gesture of good intent, with expenditure generally below that planned. Deficits look worse than they usually turn out to be.

Thus, this year's budget sets money aside for the much heralded $570 million Wusail power and desalination project (water from this could by used for the small but import-substituting agricultural sector) and more for an Assembly building.

But Qataris are generally gloomy about the prospects of such stimuli to the construction industry starting up. The Emir is likely to respond instantly to any further fall in the price of oil by clamping down still further on spending.

The private sector is understandably dissatisfied with the slow-down. Hopes are pinned on the forthcoming development of Qatar's offshore North Field gas.

Development of the gas for domestic use, although more extravagant than an overall development that included exports of liquid natural gas (LNG), has to go ahead to meet local needs. By 1988 the non-associated gas from an onshore section of the vast Khuff reservoir will begin to have pressure problems and Qatar's small but significant industrial sector may have to shut for longer than usual "maintenance" periods.

The financial sector is as sleepy as the rest of the economy. Bank assets, about $3,660 million, are static, as are deposits. Problems of payment in the private sector, a hazard of Gulf operations now, have led to exceptionally high debt provision, and loans are scrutinized with greater rigour.

Banks are dominated by the 20-year-old Qatar National Bank, which handles 70 per cent of the country's business, including all government business, with the rest divided among 15 commercial banks. These include a few familiar foreign faces – Standard Chartered, British Bank of the Middle East, Grindlays, Citibank – which tend to do less well than their local colleagues because of their reliance on trade financing as the main line of business.

When the North Field development gets under way next year the lion's share on contracts will go to local firms, if necessary in partnership with technically advanced foreign concerns. Banks are hoping that will put more business their way.

Qataris are proud of being the first Gulf country to go in for heavy industry, located 30 kilometres south of the capital round the deep-water harbour of Umm Said. The problem with being the first is that latecomers are using more economical technology and Qatar has found itself the dumping ground for cement and steel produced more cheaply by competitors even within the supposedly harmonious Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC).

Qatar and its GCC neighbours face a prolonged recession for the next few years, before oil prices pick up again. Thrift and caution have served the Qataris well so far, but many are now searching hard for avenues of activity less dependent on the tight purse-strings of government spending.

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A DECADE OF UK/QATAR TRADE
1975-84 (£'000)

	UK exports	UK imports	UK trade balance
1975	55,804	159,315	–103,511
1976	86,816	248,701	–161,885
1977	117,480	102,534	14,946
1978	91,750	30,440	61,310
1979	101,722	40,489	61,233
1980	101,994	44,658	57,336
1981	135,723	10,676	125,047
1982	245,390	33,984	211,406
1983	216,385	10,063	206,322
1984	133,803	28,212	105,591

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A slow climb back to growth

Due to factors beyond the government's control, the country's foray into heavy industry has not quite been the success that was hoped for. A slump in world prices for Qatar's products, and feedstock problems caused by lower oil production, are taking their toll on profitability.

To reduce its almost total dependence on crude oil for revenue, three main ventures were set up with foreign participation. Production at the fertiliser plant began in 1973, the Gulf's first integrated steel mill started in 1978 and petrochemical production began in 1981.

Qatar Fertiliser Company (Qafco) has so far been the star of the trio. The company achieved record output and profit levels in 1984, but nevertheless will see its 1985 profits reduced because of lower world prices for urea and ammonia.

Production at Qatar Steel Company (Qasco) almost monthly hits new records. Yet for the last three years the company has turned in poor financial results due to a slump in steel prices.

It is Qatar Petrochemicals Company (Qapco) which has been the most badly affected. The company is bracing itself for its worst year yet because of the disastrous combination of very low prices and feedstock shortages. The later problem is, however, soon to be resolved: an ethane recovery unit is being commissioned which will enable the plant to run at capacity with daily oil production at only 300,000 barrels per day.

Qafco is 75 per cent state-owned; the remaining share is held by Norway's Norsk Hydro, which manages the plant. The company made a net profit of QR 170 million in 1984 which enabled it to pay extra instalments of its government loan. The total debt now stands at just over QR 200 million.

According to Qafco managing director Ingulf Skogestad, production is now reaching saturation point. Nevertheless, last year's output of 632,000 tonnes of ammonia and 734,000 tonnes of urea will be exceeded by just a few thousand tonnes in 1985.

India and China are the main customers for the urea, although 1985 has seen a rise is sales to the United States, South America and Australia. Last year India was also the biggest ammonia purchaser, taking 60 per cent of sales. But India's purchases are dwindling as home production increases.

Qafco is looking forward to the day when North Field gas is available. Then there will be no technical obstacle to increasing capacity should the government consider it a wise commercial move.

Qasco is 70 per cent government-owned. The remaining equity is held by Japanese companies. Kobe Steel, which built the plant, has a 20 per cent share and provides the management. Tokyo Boeki has a 10 per cent stake and is responsible for marketing the products outside Qatar.

Output is running at 145 per cent of design capacity and production of steel bars this year is expected to exceed last year's record 470,000 tonnes. In June this year the 48,985 tonnes of bars produced was the best monthly figure in Qasco's history.

But world prices for steel have dropped by almost a third since 1980 and, sadly the company's financial performance does not match up.

Qasco's sales follow a consistent pattern. Between 40 and 50 per cent annually goes to Saudi Arabia; the remainder to other countries. The company faces stiff competition from countries like Brazil and Korea, but it is hoping that a Gulf Cooperation Council recommendation for a 20 per cent tariff on non-GCC steel imports will be implemented. In the meantime, plans to expand the plant have been put on ice until prices and demand pick up.

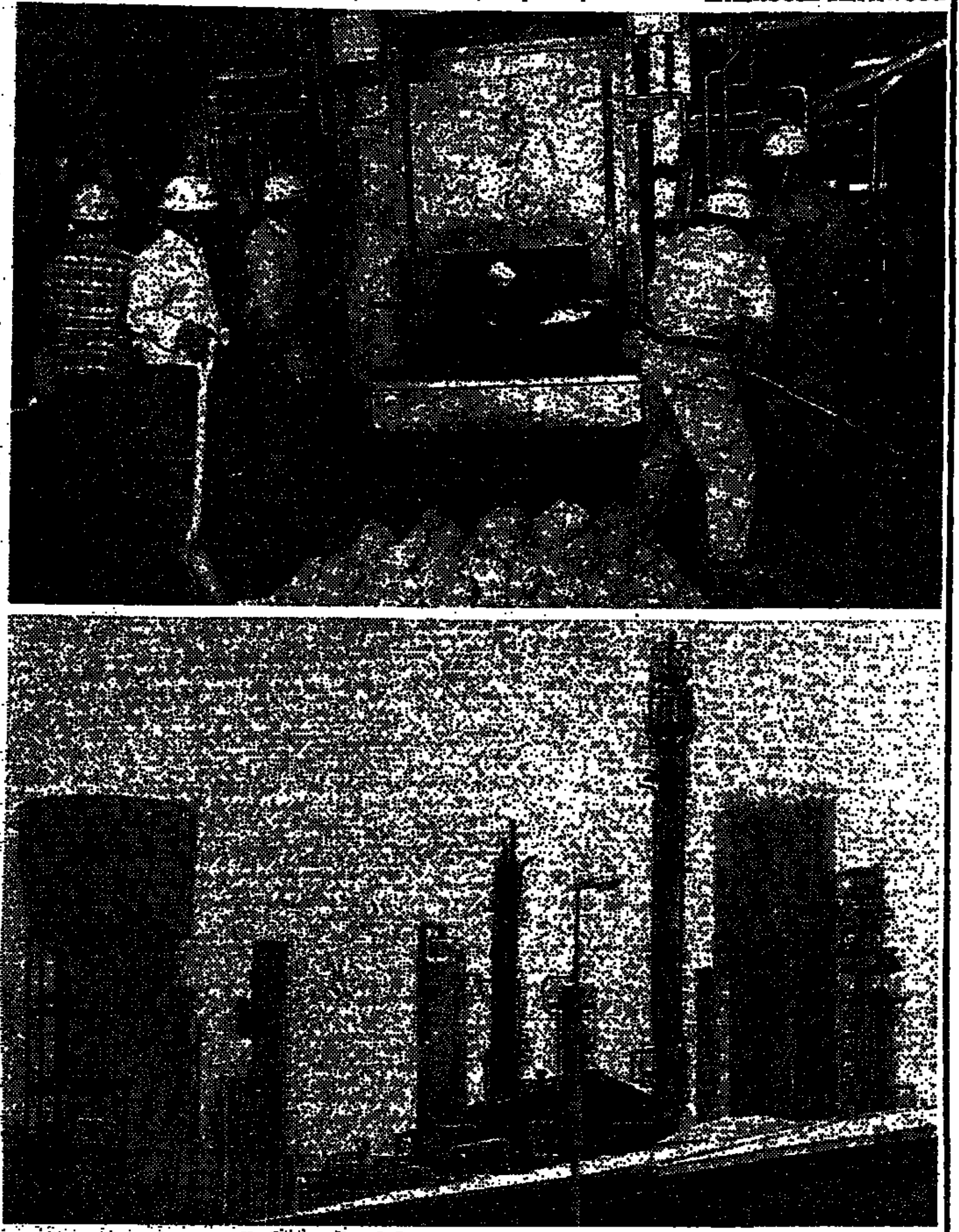
The fact that Qatar has stuck to its Opec quota of 280.000 bpd in 1985 has caused considerable anguish at Qapco, which was designed with production of 500,000-plus bpd in mind. The resulting feedstock shortages mean that ethylene has been produced at less than 60 per cent of capacity in the first nine months of the year, compared with 73 per cent of capacity in 1984.

Recovery is, however, in sight. The $55 million ethane recovery unit should be fully operational by the end of the year. It has been built by France's Cdf-Chemie.

The unit will provide Qapco with an extra 100,000 tonnes per year of ethylene to dispose of and the chance to attain profitability should prices make even a slight recovery. Feasibility studies are planned to see if it is more economic simply to sell the ethylene or to convert it.

As a spin-off from its heavy industry, the government has been trying for several years to encourage the growth of a light industrial sector. This has met with limited success. Since mid-1981 some 80 licences have been issued for private sector activities covering a whole host of activities from plastics to construction materials.

Elizabeth Kirkwood



Alternatives to oil: Qatar Steel Company (above); and Qatar Fertiliser Company

Hopes are pinned on gas when the oil runs out

Qatar is more fortunate than some of its oil-producing neighbours. Sitting on what may turn out to be the world's largest reserves of non-associated gas, the country does not have the same worries about its future once the oil runs out.

But the gas is not without its own problems. Some 14 years after the discovery of the North Field reserves, the government is only just getting round to developing them after much heart-searching over the viability of the project and the uncertainty about future markets.

The North Field covers an area of some 2,300 square miles to the north-east of Qatar. Recoverable reserves are put at 150 trillion cubic feet while probable reserves are thought to be 380 trillion cubic feet.

Looming evergy shortages have forced the government into action. Lower oil production has reduced the amount of associated gas available to industry, and the onshore reserves of non-associated Khuff gas at Dukhan are running out.

In June 1984 an agreement was signed with British Petroleum has Compagnie Francaise des Petroles-Total involving the two companies in planning the recovery of the gas.

In November 1984 the Qatar Liquefied Gas Company was set up to handle the future export phase of the gas project. BP and CFP-Total each took a 7.5 per cent stake in the company and Japan's Marubeni Corporation has since signed up for a 7.5 per cent share. The balance is held by the oil company Qatar General Petroleum Corporation, although a further 7.5 per cent is still on offer to foreign partners.

Leading contenders are a Japanese consortium of Mitsubishi Corporation, Mitsui and Company and C. Itoh and Company, and a consortium led by the West German Wintershall. The Norwegians and South Koreans are also said to be interested.

Present plans call for the recovery of an eventual 2.4 billion cubic feet pre day (cfpd). This will be developed in three phases. The first 800 million cfpd will be for domestic use by the late 1980s. Domestic demand is about 500m cfpd; the surplus will be re-injected into the Dukhan Khuff strata to provide an onshore reserve.

The second 800m cfpd will supply a planned Gulf gas grid, although Kuwait is the only country so far to have shown firm interest in Qatar's gas. The final 800m cfpd will be converted for export in an estimated $3,000 million liquefaction plant.

In August, the US's Bechtel Corporation was awarded a $1.2 million contract to provide the first phase basic engineering design. Bids are now being evaluated for the detailed design and overall project management. An award is expected in late November or early December. Small jobs such as site surveys are already going out to tender, while major construction tenders will be invited in mid-to-late 1986.

Japan has been identified as the most likely market for Qatar gas, hence plans for a six million tonnes per annum liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant. Marubeni, in return for its 7.5 per cent share, reckons it well be able to sell 2 million tonnes per annum from 1992, a further 2 million tonnes per annum from 1994, and the full six million tonnes per annum from 1996. But this is not a cast-iron commitment, and Japanese users are already tied into several LNG schemes worldwide.

Pipeline option to Europe

In recent months another option has emerged: a pipeline to Europe via Turkey which would make Qatar's gas an alternative to Soviet supplies. Officials from Turkey's state oil company, Botas, and Qatar's Finance and Petroleum Ministry met in June to discuss the matter; further talks are planned this month.

As with Japan, though, there is no promise of European buyers in the 1990s. Competition will come from not only the USSR, but also Algeria and the North Sea.

In an ideal world for Qatar there would be both a Japanese and a European market. "We can do both, we have plenty of gas," says QGPC managing director Ali Jaidah. "If the pipeline project is economically viable then we will find plenty of money to finance it. But it will not be feasible unless European demand is in the region of 2-3 billion cubic feet per day.

The matter is unlikely to be settled in the immediate future. "At the moment talks about selling LNG to Japan are at a more advanced stage, but we have not implemented anything officially", says *Jaidah*. "We are keeping our avenues open in both directions."

Qatar's oil reserves are estimated at about 4.5 billion barrels, which will last for 40 years at present extraction rates. The onshore Dukhan field is operated on behalf of QGPC by the Dukhan Service Company. Major shareholders are BP and CFP-Total. Three offshore fields are similarly operated by the Qatar Shell Service Compny, and a fourth, Al Bunduq, is jointly owned with Abu Dhabi.

The country is capable of producing almost 600,000 barrels per day (bpd), but market forces and Opec quotas have conspired to restrain output. Since October 1984 Qatar's quota has been just 280,000 bpd.

Unlike 1984, when Qatar averaged in excess of 400,000 bpd (its quota for most of the year was 300,000 bpd) and discounted heavily on the spot market, 1985 has been a year of model behaviour. Average production has fallen easily within the official quota.

But the government is not happy about the situation and at an early October Opec meeting in Vienna, Qatar was one of several countries seeking to raise its quota.

Qatar has been generating some interest on the international oil scene this summer by offering exploration permits in several new areas. In June the Standard Oil Company of Ohio (Sohio) signed a 25-year oil production-sharing agreement with the Finance and Petroleum Ministry. Sohio, which is 55 per cent owned by British Petroleum, submitted a $25 million guarantee of its sincerity to the government and will initially bear all the exploration costs, recoverable once production starts.

Shortly after the Sohio agreement it was announced that a further three concessions – one onshore and two offshore – would be offered to foreign concerns. Signatures in the Finance and Petroleum Ministry's visitors book have been swelled this summer by foreign oilmen coming to examine data on the zones.

Two more concessions may yet be offered up, but the Ministry has to get through the paperwork involved in the present batch before new invitations can be issued.

The only other foreign company to operate a concession is the West German Wintershall. Oil production had not begun by June this year when Wintershall's ten-year agreement expired and it is now negotiating new terms.

Since mid-1984 Qatar has been self-sufficient in refined products following the commissioning of a 50,000 bpd refinery. With domestic demand at about 11,000 bpd there is plenty of scope for export, but the refinery is only running at half capacity. Just one contract has been signed so far: with BP Oil International for 30,000 tonnes of fuel oil per month. However, Korea's Hyundai is building a multi-product pipeline and export terminal which although heavily behind schedule, should enable Qatar to increase exports of refined products by next year.

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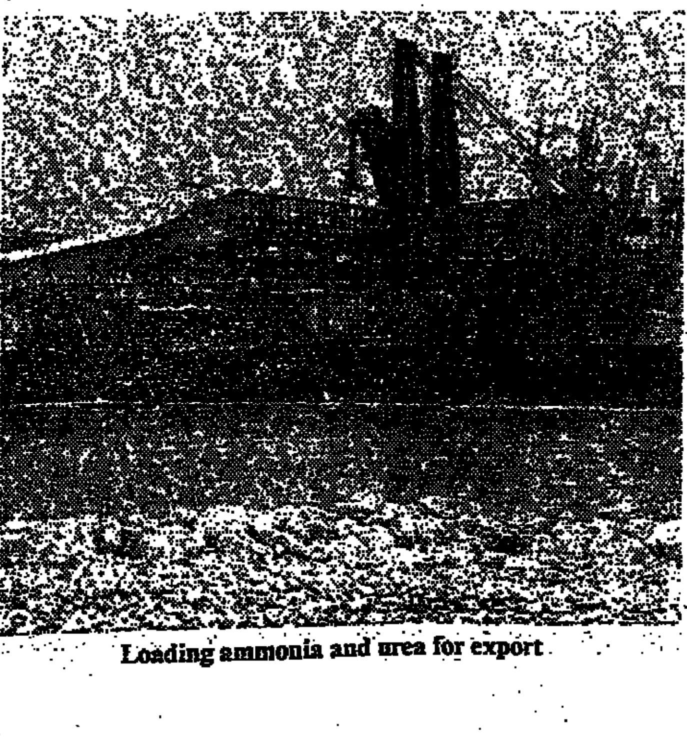

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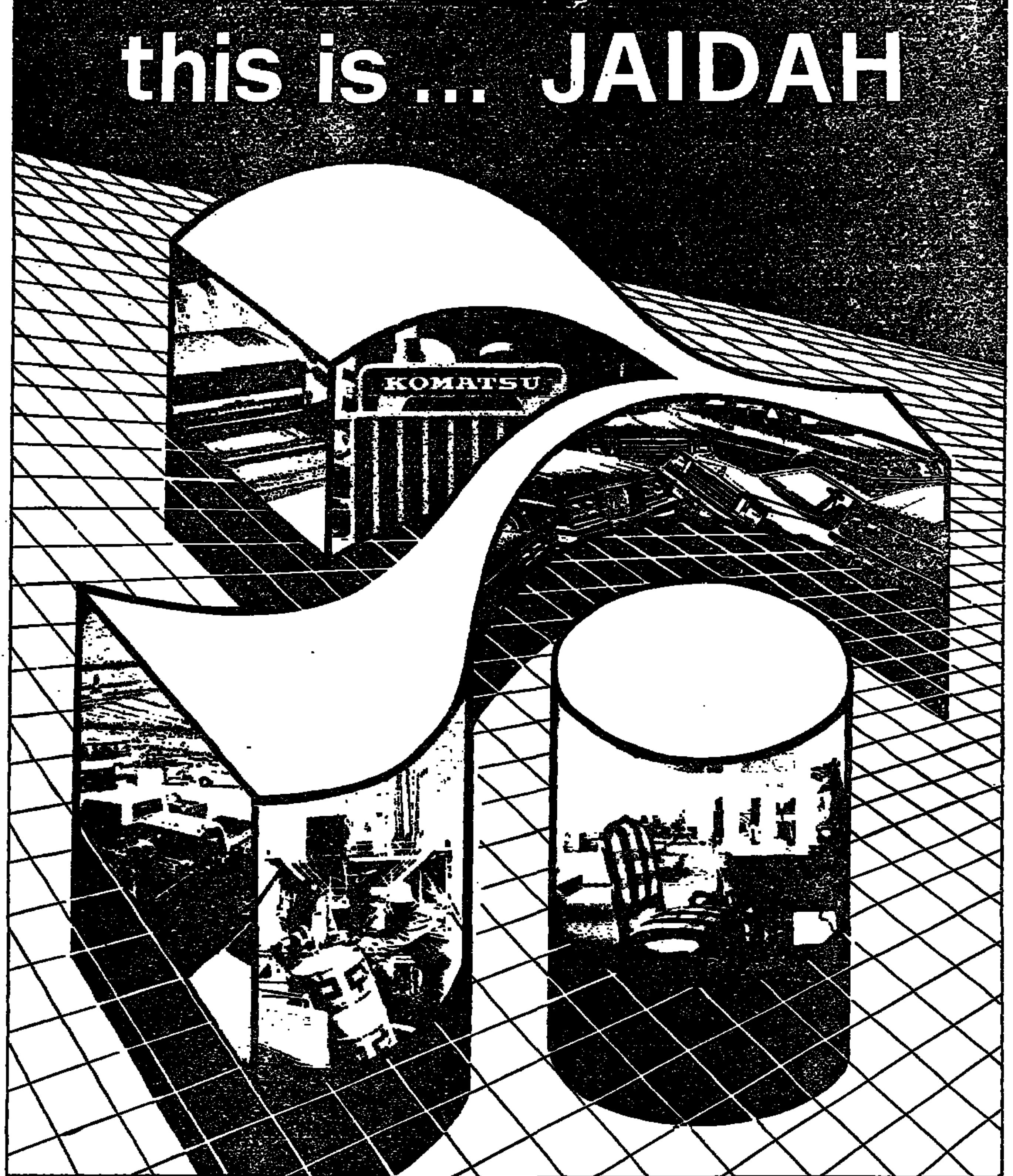

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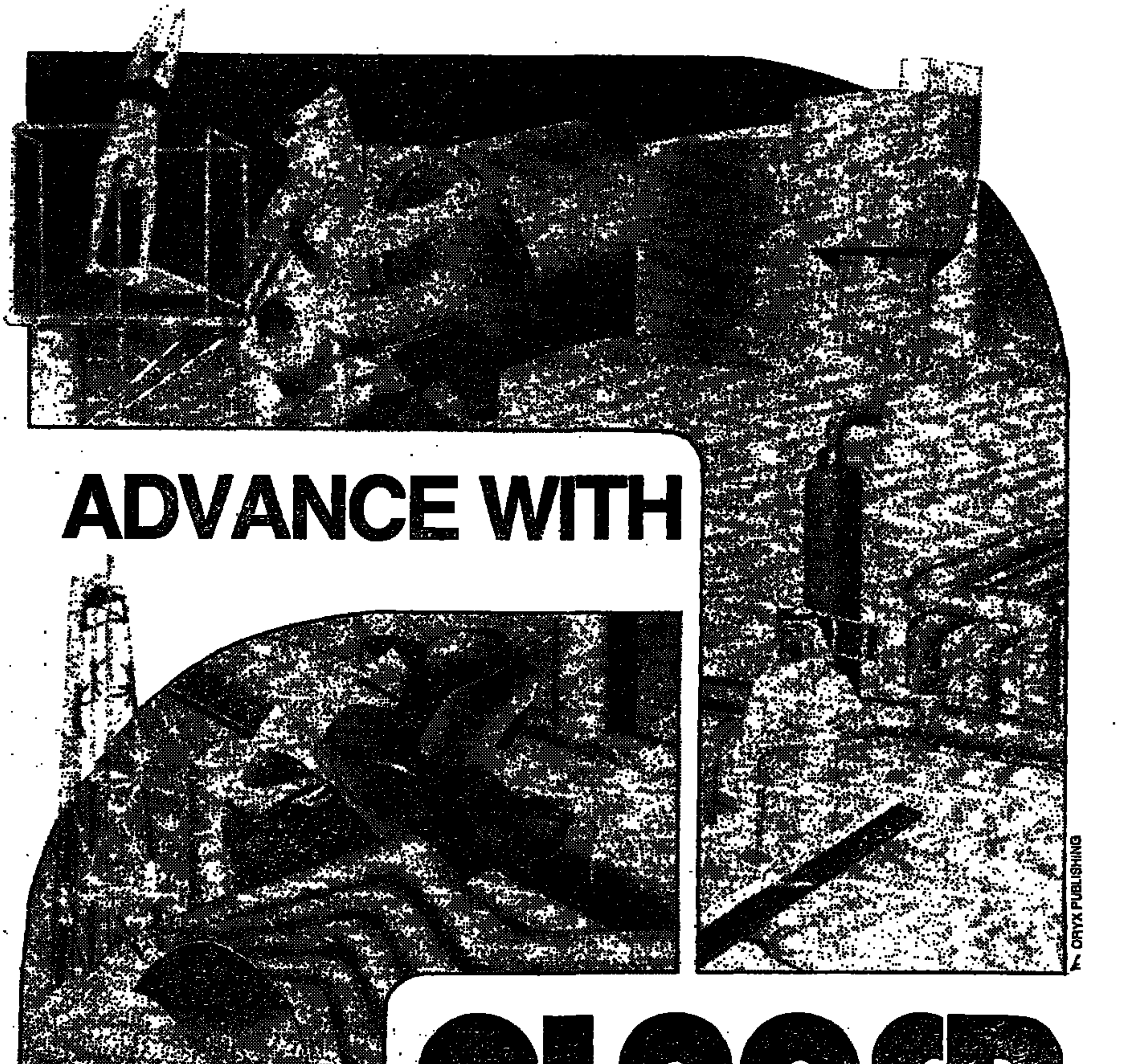

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Good prospects for Britain's invisible trade

Foreign dignitaries visiting Doha for the first time are often shown around the impressive new Hamad General Hospital and futuristic looking Sheraton Hotel. When Mrs Margaret Thatcher went to Qatar at the end of a Gulf visit she was also given a tour, because both hospital and hotel are among the showpieces of the country's spectacular economic and social progress.

Mrs Thatcher was greatly impressed by the hospital. In saying so she was not only paying tribute to her hosts, but also to Britain, for the hospital, one of the best in the Gulf, was designed and built by British companies.

The Sheraton was designed by a Californian firm and built by a South Korean contractor, but some of the specialized consultancy work and much of its furnishings were supplied by British companies.

When the word "trade" is mentioned, most people automatically think of commodities or "visibles," the statistician's jargon for them. "Invisibles," such as consultancy, banking, management and other services, do not usually receive the recognition they deserve.

Yet, invisible export earnings have always been crucial to the British economy, especially in recent years. Britain's balance of payments has been characterized by deficits in visible trade and surpluses in invisibles.

Now that many Arab states, particularly those of the Gulf, have completed or are about to complete their infrastructure schemes such as roads, ports and electricity supply networks, their need for invisible imports, especially maintenance, management and training services, is bound to increase considerably.

These provide good prospects for Britain, a country with which Gulf states, including Qatar, enjoy long links. Doha is the home of the Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consulting (GOIC), an agency whose work spreads throughout the six members of the influential Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

Moreover, many government departments and private businesses there have a strong tendency to work to specifications based on British technical standards, something which naturally gives Britain an edge over its competitors.

Despite these advantages, British companies cannot be complacent. Like other Gulf states, Qatar is a fiercely competitive market in which companies from all over the world are only too anxious to secure business. Gone are the days when British firms could expect business in the Gulf to come readily their way simply because of Britain's historical connections with the region.

As one Qatari businessman put it: "We do not have the time to wait days for a British firm to reply to a telex if a Japanese one responds to the same within hours."

Although Britain has not recently won big contracts in Qatar, it nevertheless remains its second-largest supplier, coming after Japan, which has for many years been by far its biggest trading partner. British exports to Qatar have, however, dropped markedly since 1982, from £245 million in that year to only £134 million last year. Capital goods, such as machinery and transport equipment and industrial products, account for most British sales there.

Many of Doha's supermarkets, including "The Centre," the most popular (itself designed by a British firm), and "Al-Salam," stock a wide range of British consumer goods.

North Sea expertise to help gas field

British imports from Qatar, consisting mostly of crude oil, peaked at £249 million in 1976, but have since declined dramatically, reaching a mere £10 million in 1983 and only £28 million last year. Britain has therefore, since 1977, enjoyed a continuing trade surplus with Qatar, amounting to a record £205 million in 1983 and a little more than half of that in the following year. The switch from deficit to surplus has naturally followed the sharp drop in Britain's crude oil imports from almost all Opec countries as North Sea liftings rose.

Britain's North Sea offshore oil and gas industry has been developed under some of the world's most hostile conditions, requiring complex technology to cope with the difficulty of lifting stocks from deep waters. Britain's experience in developing such technology can pay off well elsewhere. Qatar, for example, has now, after many years of elaborate studies, decided to go ahead with its huge North Field natural gas scheme, costing about $6,000 million. Although most of the construction work is likely to be done by United States and West German corporations, some British companies are expected to benefit from the scheme and one is already providing technical services for it.

The field, lying about 70 kilometres off the Qatari coast, will supply natural gas through two pipelines to processing plants at Umm Said. It will be carried out in two stages, each of which envisages lifting 800 million cubic feet of gas a day. The plants will produce liquefied natural gas (LNG) and natural gas liquids (NGL) for export.

Nearly 150 British companies now have offices in Qatar, most of which are in Doha, the home of about four-fifths of the country's entire population of about 250,000.

A large number of these belong to consultancy firms, companies with contracts there and suppliers of capital and consumer goods. Of Qatar's 14 commercial banks, 10 are foreign ones, including The British Bank of the Middle East, known for short as the BBME, Chartered Bank and Grindlays Bank.

The City of London was in 1975 chosen as headquarters for the Qatar Investment Office, which advises the government on how best to invest its surplus funds.

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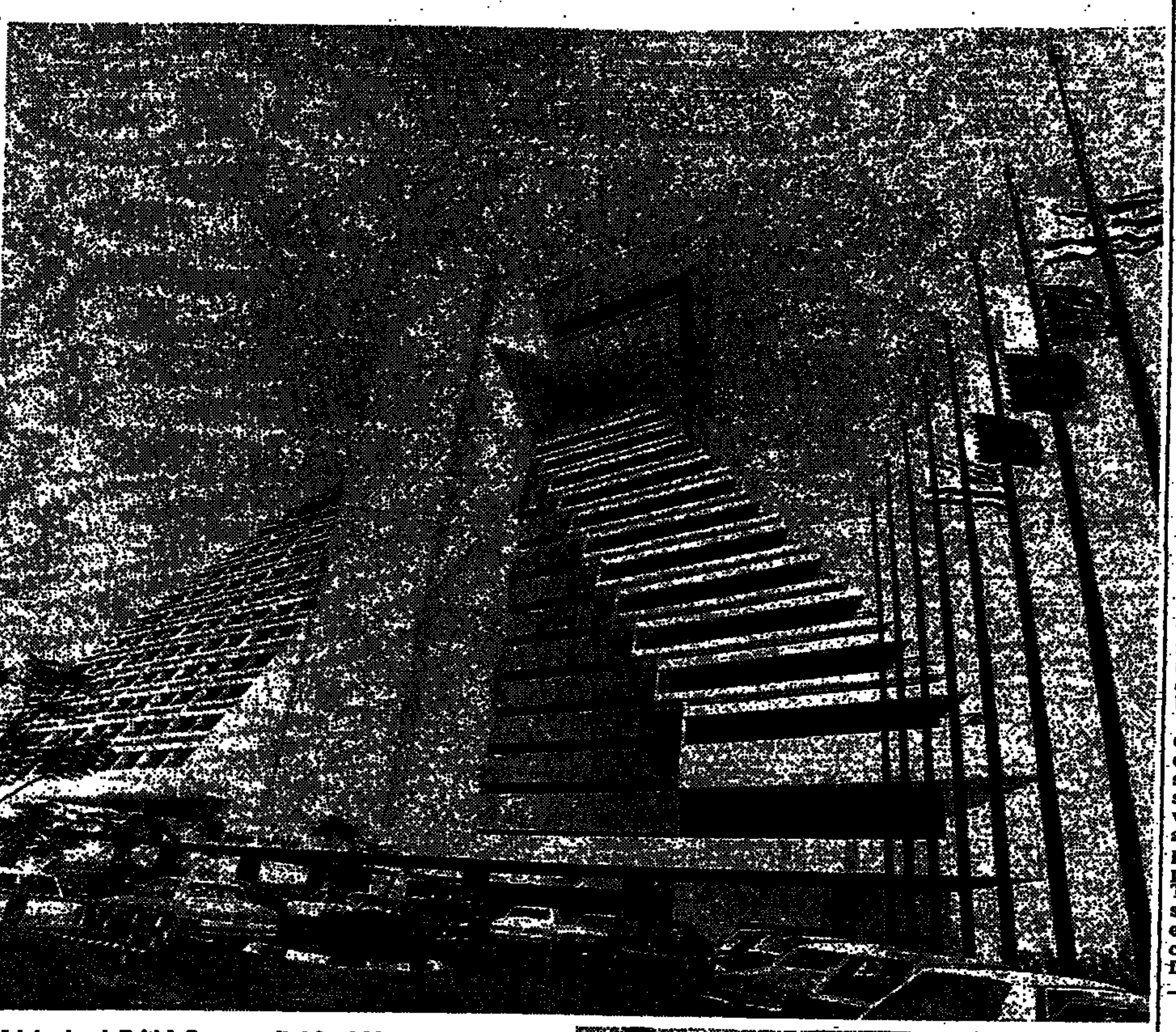

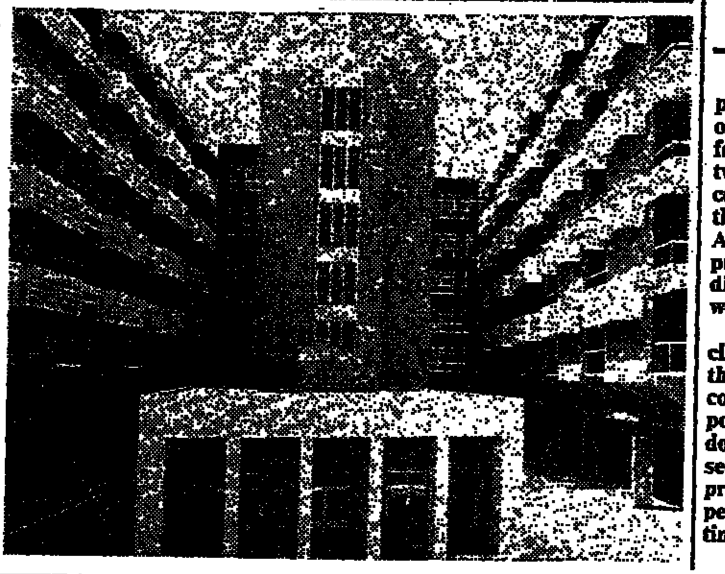

Helping hand: British firms supplied furnishings for The Sheraton (above) and built the Hamad hospital (right)

International level of sports clubs

Qatar's government-built sports clubs would be the envy of any cash-strapped Western city council. The country's population is in the region of 250,000, of which Qataris number perhaps 80,000, yet nationals have access to not one but six of these international-standard clubs – and there are more to come.

Each club offers a football pitch and athletics track in a stadium capable of holding 20,000 people. There are multi-purpose halls with courts for basketball, volleyball, handball and tennis, plus social facilities.

The clubs were designed by British architects Rice Perry Ellis and Partners and built during the last four years at an average cost of QR38 million each.

Rice Parry's initial brief was to design clubs suitable for county-level sport. But when a Qatar football team was runner-up in the Youth World Cup in 1981, the Youth Welfare High Council decided that young people should be encouraged further in this vein. Facilities that met with international competition standards were to be built.

The plan was to provide seven clubs, one for each of the first division football teams. Six have so far been completed and the seventh is expected to get under way this financial year. But already the government is pushing ahead with the second phase development of the clubs. This comprises a 25-metre swimming pool, surfaces for outdoor athletics events and cosmetic touches such as a family garden and landscaping.

Building for the second division

The government now has plans to build a similar number of clubs for the second division football teams. Within the next two years we may have a competition for the design of these clubs," says Sheikh Ahmed bin Haman al-Tini, programme co-ordinator and director of finance at the public works ministry.

One could argue that so many clubs are not necessary. Already the combined stadium capacity could virtually hold the entire population of Qatar. But this does not deter the planners, who see in sport the means to prevent the country's young people squandering their leisure time and, worse, taking drugs.

The numbers problem is reflected in the use of the clubs – rarely are more than a 100 people present at one time. Yet the qualifying heats for the World Cup earlier this year were played to capacity crowds.

Football is serious business. One of the first division teams, Rayyan, has signed up as its coach Alan Dicks, who for 13 years was manager of Bristol City. Other teams, including the national squad, have Brazilian coaches, and six British referees have been procured for the national league which began last month. Their task is to raise the standard of the local referees and to improve discipline on the field.

Basketball is more popular

"We have not yet started to have Britain's problems of violence among spectators," says Sheikh Ahmed, "but it is a problem on the field." As indeed one of the British referees discovered to his cost: local newspapers pictured him prostrate – floored by an irate player in a recent cup match.

Basketball is becoming increasingly popular. Each club team is allowed to take on two foreign players, so seven-foot Americans have been enlivening the action, to the particular delight of the many US-educated Qataris. And athletics are gaining prominence – hence the inclusion of field events such as long jump and javelin in the phase two programme.

Tennis and squash teams are more active in the many private sector clubs. But young Qataris are likely to grow more enthusiastic about these sports following the formation last year of the Qatar Tennis and Squash Federation, presided over by the Minister of Information, Isa Ghanem al-Kuwari.

In Western eyes there would be perhaps only one flaw in these first-rate clubs. They are not for women. Women are so obviously excluded that there are not even toilet facilities for them.

Yet this is not quite the hardship it might seem. Sports education is available to girls in schools and at university. And in this traditional, male-dominated society, a Qatari woman who wishes to play sport may well find that her husband or father will be happy to build a court or a pool in the privacy of their garden.

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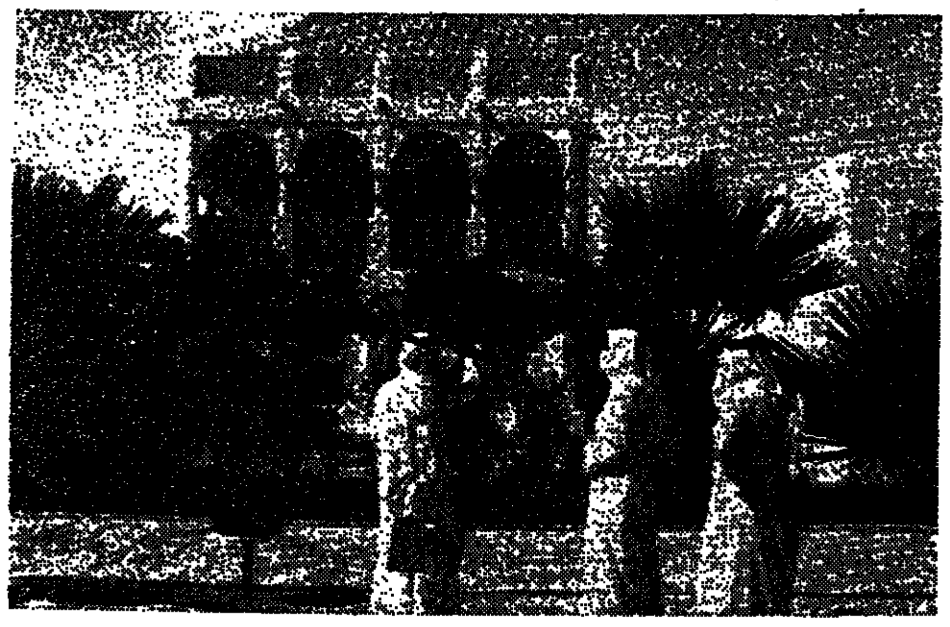

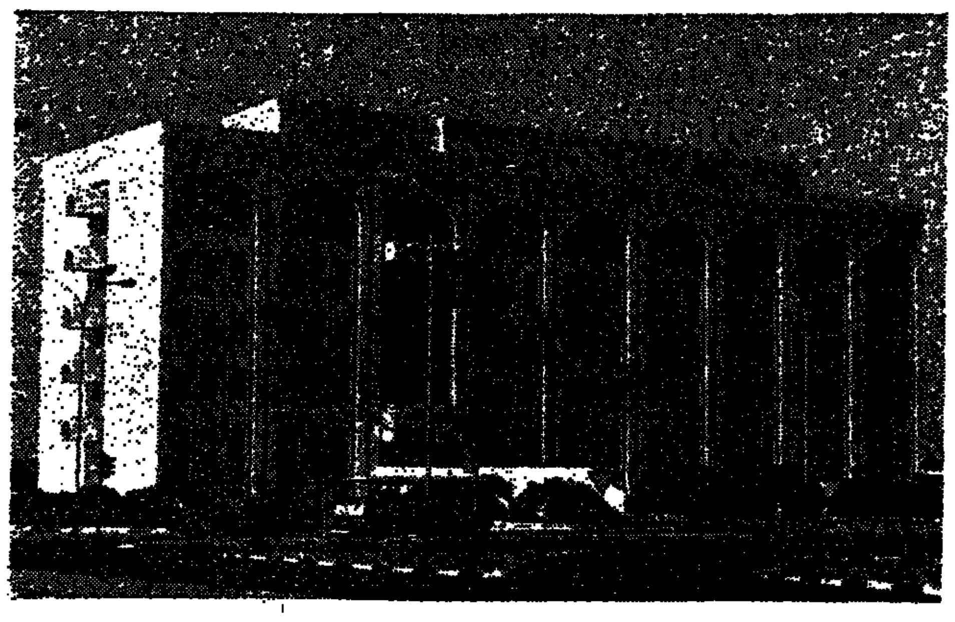

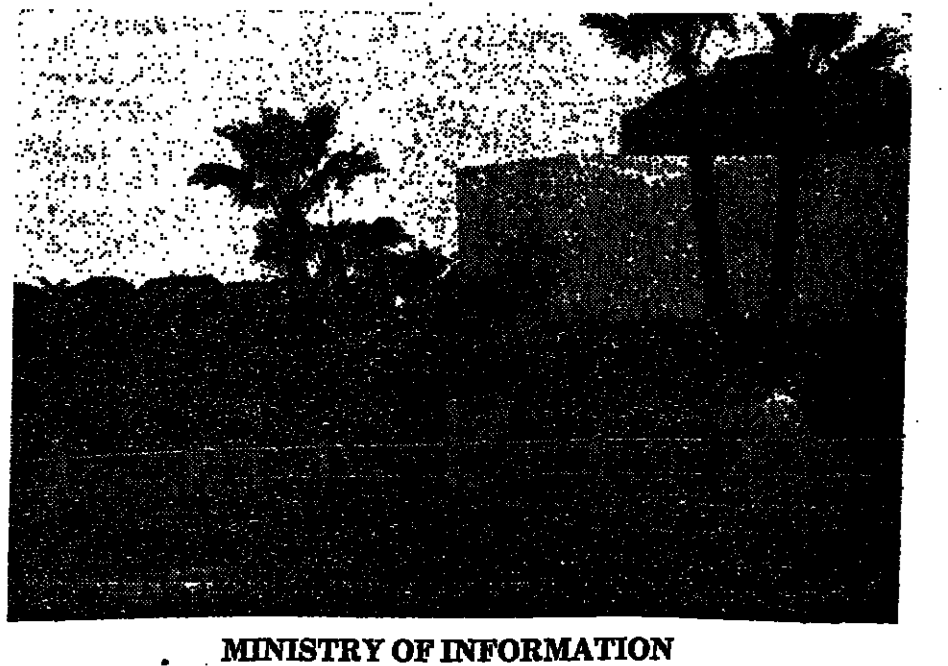

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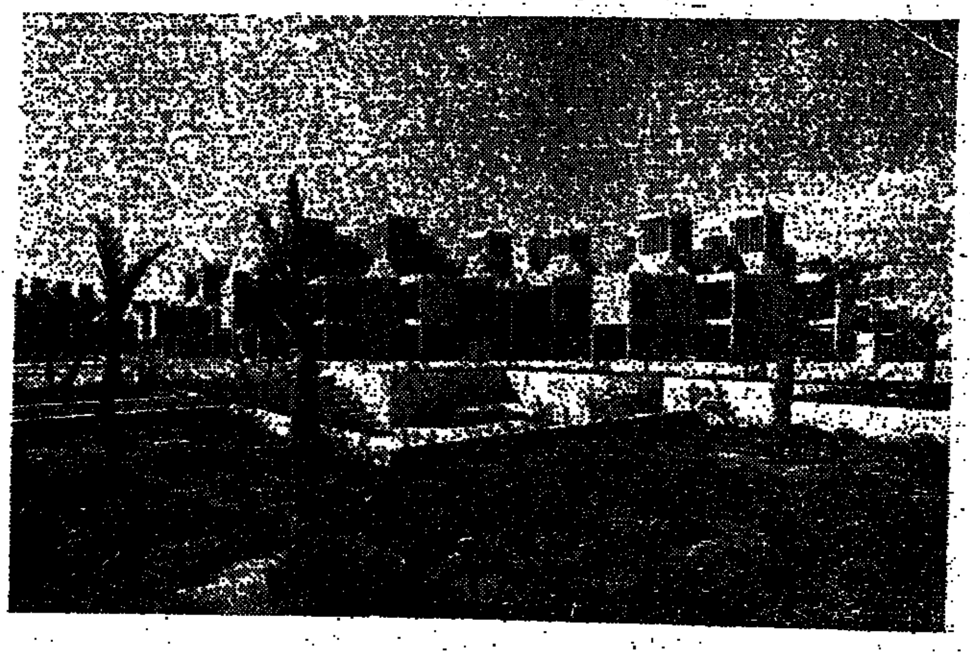

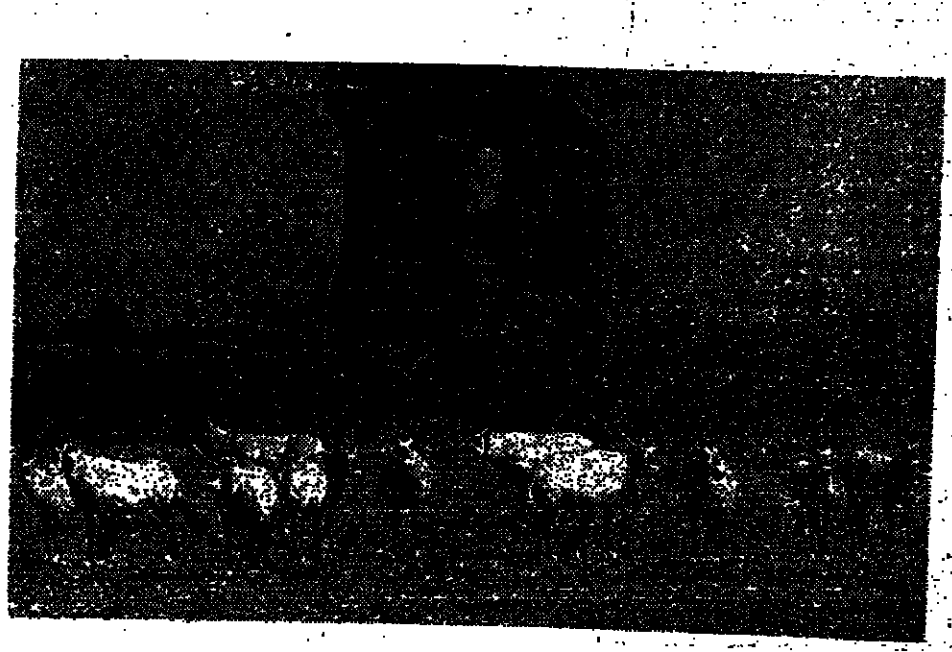

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Separate lives on the new campus

Qatar's new university campus blends neatly with its desert environment a few kilometres outside Doha. The university itself was set up in 1973, initially as two teacher-training colleges, in makeshift premises in the centre of town.

A grander scheme was envisaged from the start, coinciding with the oil-revenue boom, and the Egyptian architect, Dr Kamal Kafrawi, has been working on its remarkable design since then. The planners who worked with him made certain assumptions about the way Qatari society would develope in view of the boom. The fact that these assumptions were to some extent misplaced helps illustrate Gulf society today.

The $275 million campus is a visual treat. Dr Kafrawi has made refresing use of the familiar ingredients of bona fide Islamic architecture, with arches and arcades, octagonal classrooms and geometric windows. He has used the traditional wind tower of the area to ventilate certain public places, eliminating the need for air-conditioning, and used diffused daylight, often through octagonal windows filled with stained glass, to reduce the addiction to artificial lighting.

Several institutions in Qatar have been set up to preserve and strengthen links with indigenous traditions. The university planners aimed to place the campus among them, but without giving enough weight to the most important of those traditions – Islam, and the strong conservatism which accompanies it in Qatar.

Appealing to a Qatari sense of thrift, they set out to accommodate girls and boys on the same campus. Both sexes share campuses in Bahrain and Kuwait, although there is pressure for segregation in Kuwait University. Abu Dhabi and Saudi Arabia have gone in for costly duplication, with separate campuses.

In Qatar campus hostels and sports and social facilities were segregated, but girls' study areas were cunningly interwoven with the boys' in the manner of the traditional Arabian home, where the women have their part of the house and the men theirs. Library, laboratories and computer facilities were to be timetabled for separate use. There was no suggestion that girls and boys should actually study alongside each other. The concept was imaginative. It has also proved indigestible.

Lessons for the future: Primary schoolgirl in Doha and young men students

Quite probably the pressure of foreign values resulting from the oil wealth would have produced an Islamic reaction in the Gulf anyway. The reaction has been much stronger, however, because it has been backed by the revolutionary fervour emanating from Khomeini's Iran. And Iran is uncomfortably close to Qatar.

The 1979 takeover by Muslim extremists of the Grand Mosque in Mecca drove home the point of an Islamic revival as a political as well as religious force that no one could afford to ignore. Today most Gulf Arabs would say they have no wish to emulate a western lifestyle.

In Qatar this is strengthened by the traditional puritanism of Wahhabi Islam, although the behaviour of young Qataris may not always match the wishes of their elders. The present toll from traffic accidents and a small but growing drug problem are not going to make parents more liberal.

The campus has brought this resolution into the open. Designed for 8,000 students, it at present accommodates half that number – around 3,000 girls (whose parents prefer them to be educated close to home) to 1,000 boys (Qatari boys are free to go to other Gulf universities, although the government has cut back drastically on scholarships further afield).

At the inauguration of the campus last February it was realized that one sex would be able to see the other despite the architect's precautions. In the present climate of opinion this was unacceptable. A wall has now snaked its way through the campus.

By leaving most of the classrooms to the boys, new ones are needed for the girls. This, as university officials point out, allows for certain adjustments to be made to the original designs, incorporating reactions (ie complaints) from the staff. A new approach road has also been built for the girls.

Despite a small and impressive group of professional women, Qatari girls are perhaps the least emancipated in the Gulf. Few of them work outside teaching, although several of the few are conspicious on television. Most marry young and are busy providing the country with its three per cent growth in local population.

Underestimating this conservatism, among Qatari women as well as men, has proved an expensive miscalculation on the part of the university planners – sad too, in view of the elegance of the original designs. But in political terms Qatar, like its fellow members of the Gulf Cooperation Council, does not welcome change these days. Many view economic recession as a relief from the helter-skelter modernization of 1973-83. It is wrong for the west to assume Qatari youth is discontented. But for how long will Qatari girls allow the wall to stand?

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All the colour of Qatari life on show

Fishing and pearling in summer in the steamy waters of the Gulf, and, in winter, grazing goats and camels on the sparse thorny scrub of the desert – that was life in Qatar before oil, as depicted in an exhibition which opened yesterday at the Royal Horticultural Society's Old Hall to mark the Emir's visit to London.

It was not an easy life. Qatar had even less of the one vital resource – water – than its neighbours, hence its relative isolation from the comings and goings of the Gulf. It is remarkable how man can brighten his life in so stark a setting.

Qataris are cautious people and so they have kept one careful foot in the past through the hectic years of oil-financed modernization. They built the first museum in the Gulf from which many of the present exhibits come. These include stone age arrowheads and medieval pottery, as well as the accoutrements of a more recent past – the bedouin tent, with a visiting Qatari serving Arabian coffee, bitter and flavoured with cardamom.

There is not much nostalgia these days for the old pearling industry (another section of the exhibition), Qatar's sole source of revenue before oil was exported. But how intricate an industry it was, involving a commercial network stretching from the Gulf to Bombay and thence to the affluent necks, ears and fingers of Europe and the United States. It is appropriate that an old pearling family, the al-Fardans, now own Tiffany's of New York.

Bright colours were like delicious secrets in this stark existence. The women's dresses, for instance, displayed here in all their gaudy radiance, were mostly hidden beneath black cloaks. The outside of the bedouin tent is soft desert colour, but inside its cushions glow with rich vegetable dyes. That love of colour has been passed on to the children of today in their painting.

Because of their attachment to the past, Qataris are using theatre, song and dance and poetry to cushion the arrival of Western culture.

An energetic Department of Culture, part of the Ministry of Information, subsidizes song and dance groups, theatre groups and craft classes throughout the country.

"A government department can't create writers and musicians," says the director, Mr Moussa Zainem, himself an actor and playwright, "but it can provide the environment and the encouragement."

An important task of the groups has been to involve old as well as young. The old need involving because of their problems of adapting to the modern world around them, often made worse by their illiteracy and the seeming irrelevance of the skills and way of life that they grew up with.

The young need involving because of their boredom in the long afternoons after school. Performances and exhibitions such as the Qataris are mounting this week help hold a fragile community together. They are also fun, especially when foreign travel is involved.

Helping the salvage operation from backstage is the Gulf Folklore Centre in Doha. A more serious, academic establishment, it was set up in 1982 in Qatar as an offshoot of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). What the Department of Culture is trying to do for Qatar, the Folklore Centre is trying to do for the whole Gulf – give it a soul and a feeling of togetherness. Although the GCC countries have many things in common, the concept of a single geo-political entity is new and needs a lot of reinforcing if it is to be an effective political force.

Again there is an important focus on the elderly, and their oral reminiscences of life in the desert and on the sea, the two dominant themes of Gulf culture.

"We have lost so many grandparents," says the director, Mr Ali Abdullah al-Khalifah, a noted Bahraini poet in both the classical and popular tradition. "We are racing against time."

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Musical roots: A cushion for Western culture

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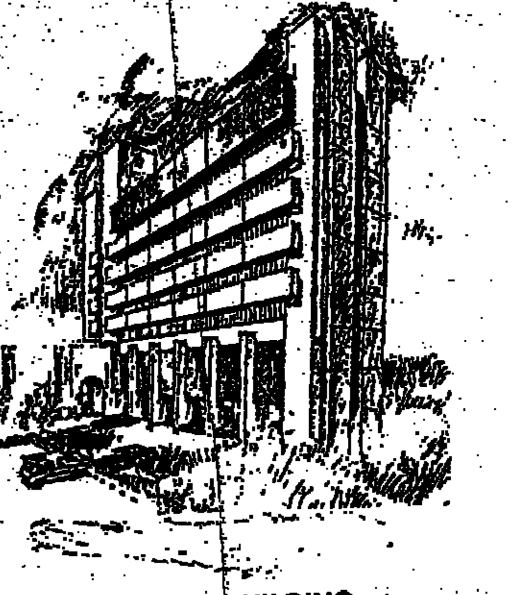

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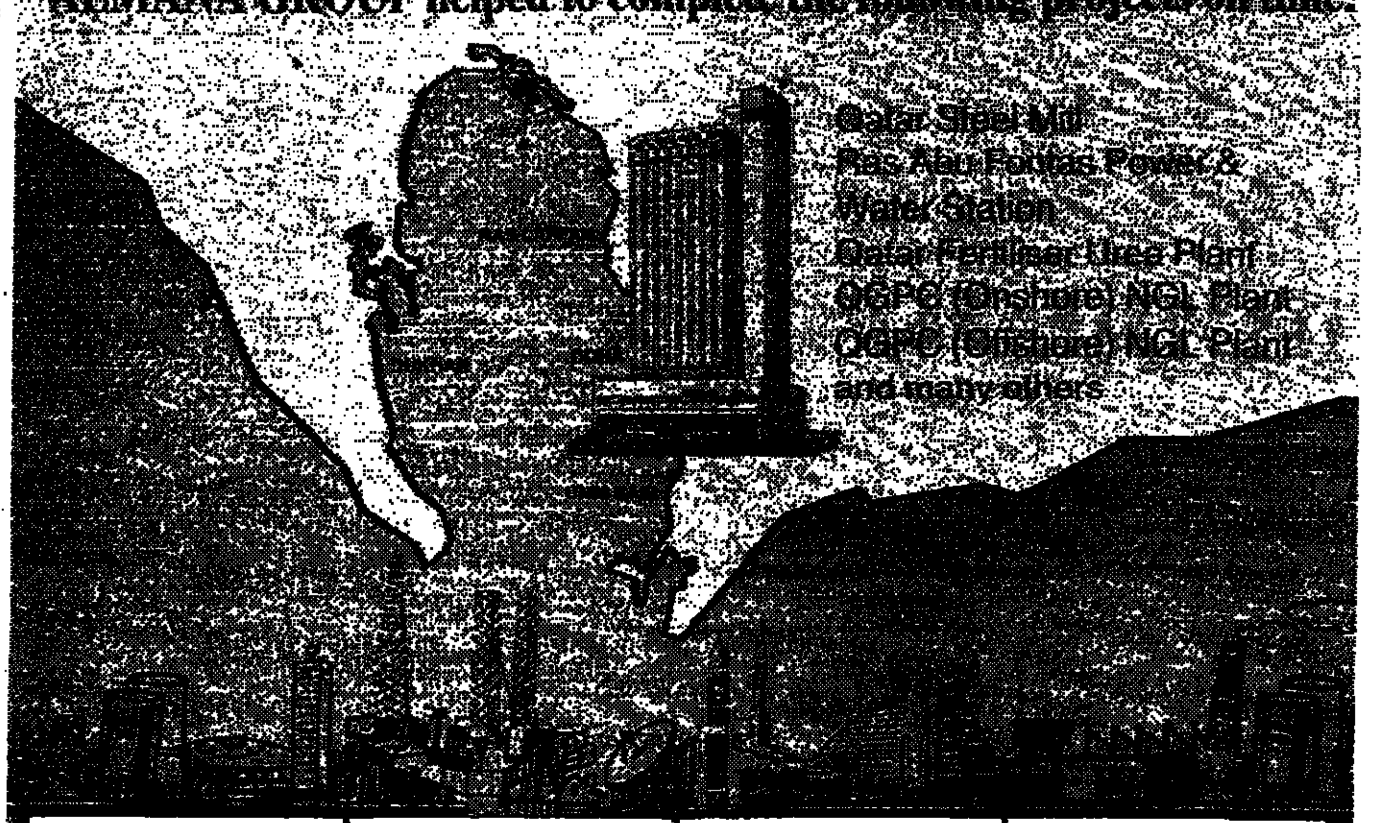
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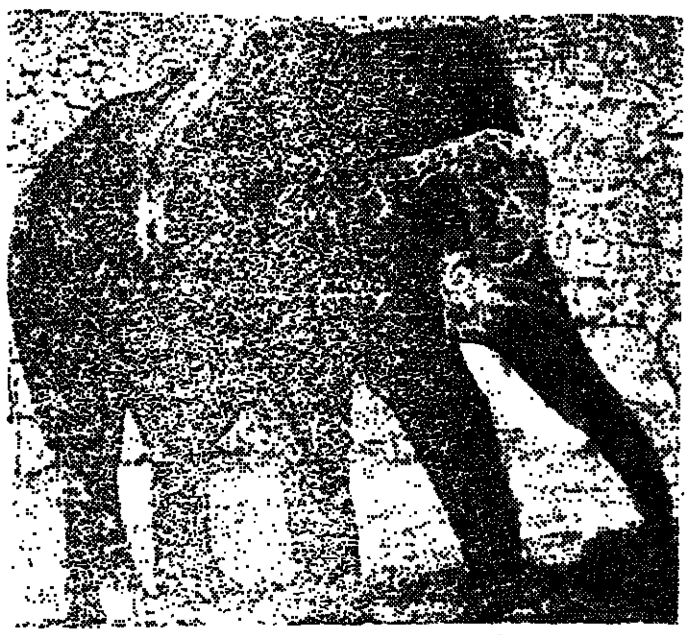

Jumbo decoration: Moti, an Indian elephant

Playing the Band in the desert

Three nights of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, with its convoluted problems of passion, filled Doha's little theatre with instant Sokespeare enthusiasts last month. Next evening similar problems, albeit more political, came to the stage in *Mutarashquo*, the lates production of the Qatar National Theatre, now on tour at the festival of Arab and African drama in Tunisia.

Gulf sensitivities preclude satires on known individuals but mankind, even Arab mankind, is fair game for the Qataris.

The plot of *Mutarashquo* is more straightforward than Shakespeare's. The title translates, more or less, as throwing stones at each other, or tit-for-tat. Playwright Ghanim al-Solayti has written what he calls a "timeless fantasy": it is also tongue-in-cheek topical.

Two brothers ruling a small country fight, divide the country, go to war against each other, collect allies, meet in conference, refuse to sit down together. "Get together! Sit down! Ijtima'a!" shouts the wretched adjudicator, while the brothers charge at each other across the stage.

The adjudicator is played by Muhammad Abu Jassoum, who is also in charge of the theatre organisation. He has adopted the name of a celebrated Egyptian comedian and lives up to his namesake. The play is a comedy, lamentable enough given present Arab politics.

"We have to discuss Arab themes today," says Ghazi Husain, a director of a local radio station who takes the part of one of the brothers. Other issues that recur in local drama are marital problems (especially the expense of getting married), the student returning from abroad and changing lifestyles in the home.

"We need to laugh at these things," said Abu Jassoum, "otherwise we would be worried all the time."

In true Shakespearean tradition actors, playwrights and directors exchange roles freely: Abu Jassoum will collect the tickets at the door if necessary.

The theatre, one of the few in the Gulf, has computerised lighting, simultaneous translation, an orchestra pit that goes up and down and a revolving stage. It was designed by British architects whose respect for their own traditions was so great that they included an extensive cloakroom for all those heavy winter coats – in a country where the temperature seldom dips below 65F.

There is no tradition of drama in the Gulf, although all Arabs are born performers, including the poets who were and are famous up and down the region for recitations of their own verse. Drama is a fairly recent introduction, along with television and the desire to be less dependent on imported fare, generally from Egypt.

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A 'Noah's Ark' on the wing

An entire Noah's Ark of 800 animals was flown from London to Doha for the opening last year of Qatar's new zoological gardens. Ranging from a pair of white rhinos to tiny fruit bats, they travelled in two aircraft. They did not go in two by two, however, but several in each crate. Experts had decided that a bit of a crowd makes for a happier trip, though each group was checked for compatability beforehand, and young animals were chosen as they travel better and breed more successfully.

The only animals to travel alone were the big cats, in tin-lined cages for extra security. But even these were carefully positioned inside the aircraft so that they could see each other and derive comfort from this. Each animal had its own individual travel documentation.

Both flights were carefully scheduled to touch down with their 800 passengers in the late evening so that they could acclimatize gradually in the cool night air. The zoo travelled as one huge package largely for reasons of economy, for the cost of flying individual animals on such a scale is astronomical. And there was only one casualty, a lizard, found dead on arrival.

British zoos supplied most of the stock, the majority coming from the Regent's Park Zoo, Whipsnade and Marwell, while the two tigers, Tsar and Tsarina, came from Edinburgh. The Arabian camels were acquired locally, and the heat ruled out polar bears.

No acquisitions came direct from the wild, except for the giraffes from the slopes of Mount Kenya. According to David Jones, director of Regent's Park Zoo, "It takes 30 seconds to catch a giraffe and if you haven't got him in 40 you give up and look for another one." They still cost around £10,000 apiece, delivered door to door. Doha has eleven.

All this was the culmination of several years of detailed planning and careful breeding. As Mr Jones points out, "You can't just buy a zoo off the shelf."

Pretty flamingo: The moat outside the new zoo

Qatar lies almost on the Tropic of Cancer and is one of the hottest spots on the globe. Temperatures can rise to 62.5°C (150°F) – and that's in the shade. This naturally restricted the choice of animals and concern for their comfort was paramount.

In the zoo's open paddocks, canopies and overhanging trees afford the inmates refuge from the fiery sun. The terraced central area has a wide, steel-frame roof that makes an *effective* sunshade. Lagoons and fountains, running streams and cascades all refrsh the overheated air.

By starting from scratch, the zoo enjoys the benefits of modern technology that are often difficult to introduce into older buildings. For example, carefully regulated air conditioning has created a near perfect habitat for the thriving community of smaller mammals.

The Regent's Park Zoo was originally called in to advise on the layout. Later it took over the entire running and supplying of the zoological side.

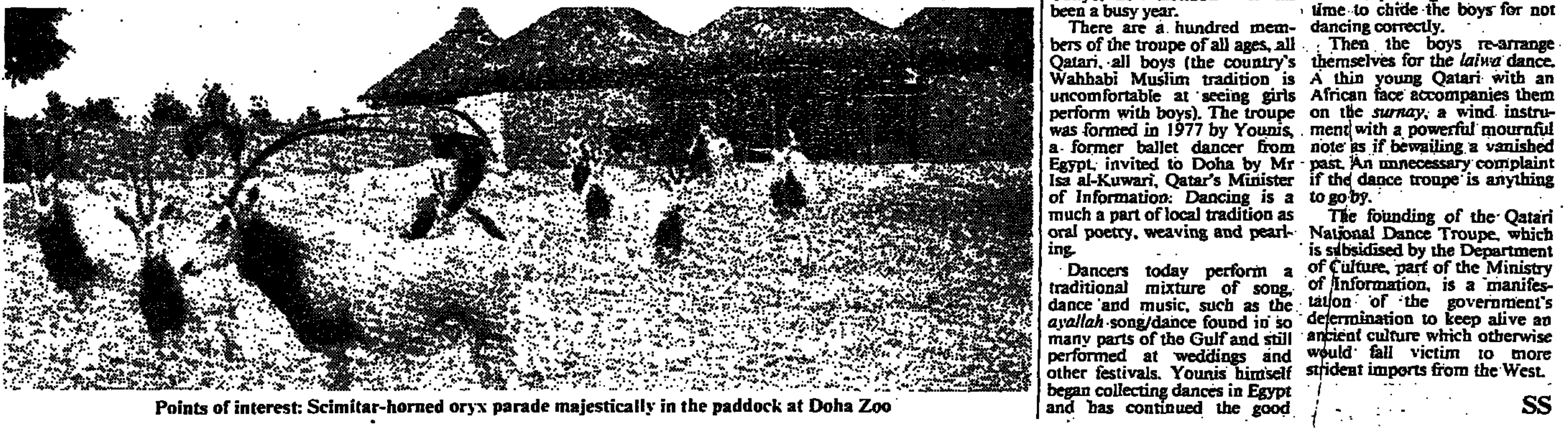
The latest project is a children's zoo, coupled with a giant walk-through aviary. This will be eight times the size of Lord Snowdon's creation in Regent's Park, a real show case of Arabian bird life.

The intention is to educate the children of Qatar in the ecology of their own part of the world. They are being introduced to the various processes of development by a number of live displays. These include butterfly breeding and a shoreline exhibit, with crabs and other relevant fauna.

The zoo hopes, too, to accustom children to handling animals and is selecting suitable ones. They will have camels, of course, with examples of different types. Among the possibilities is a piebald variety from the Sahara, a speciality of the Touareg.

The concept of a zoo is not new to the Gulf, which already had several smaller ones and a number of private menageries. But Qatar is the first to embark on such an ambitious venture, going for the same high standards as the zoos in our European capitals.

Penny Oakley



Points of interest: Scimitar-horned oryx parade majestically in the paddock at Doha Zoo

Dear deer: Zoo head Ismail Saif and zookeeper Graham Buss

A dance to the music of time

Forty or so teenage boys in a not very large room – hard work for Sami Younis, dance master of the Qatari National Dance Troupe, which was rehearsing in Doha for last week's one-night stand on London.

The boys were mostly students, a representative group of young Qataris. The rehearsal lasted three hours, notable as much for the enthusiasm as for the finesse of the dancers. The enthusiasm was infectious; dancing for these teenagers is a valuable hobby, a means not only of letting off steam but also of travelling, promoting their small peninsular homeland to foreign peoples. Paris, Tunis, Tokyo, now London – it has been a busy year.

There are a hundred members of the troupe of all ages, all Qatari, all boys (the country's Wahhabi Muslim tradition is uncomfortable at seeing girls perform with boys). The troupe was formed in 1977 by Younis, a former ballet dancer from Egypt, invited to Doha by Mr Isa al-Kuwari, Qatar's Minister of Information. Dancing is a much a part of local tradition as oral poetry, weaving and pearling.

Dancers today perform a traditional mixture of song, dance and music, such as the *ayallah* song/dance found in so many parts of the Gulf and still performed at weddings and other festivals. Younis himself began collecting dances in Egypt and has continued the good work in Qatar, collecting them from fishermen and bedouin, helped by the Folklore Centre and the Department of Culture.

Another song-and-dance act is the *tamboura*. The words are African and the music comes from singing and from such percussion instruments and the *manjur* – a kind of skirt sewn loosely with goats' toe nails that knock against each other as the wearer wiggles his hips. Another dance comes from Bahrain, traditionally sung while threshing grain (There was never any grain in Qatar to thresh in the old days). An old man is brought in to chant, which he does in a wild high-pitched lament, pausing from time to time to chide the boys for not dancing correctly.

Then the boys re-arrange themselves for the *laiwa* dance. A thin young Qatari with an African face accompanies them on the *surnay*, a wind instrument with a powerful mournful note as if bewailing a vanished past. An unnecessary complaint if the dance troupe is anything to go by.

The founding of the Qatari National Dance Troupe, which is subsidised by the Department of Culture, part of the Ministry of Information, is a manifestation of the government's determination to keep alive an ancient culture which otherwise would fall victim to more strident imports from the West.

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Preserving the past for the future

Some people might be surprised to learn that there are antiquities in Qatar, but in fact a great deal has already been discovered and, according to the experts, a great deal more still remains to be dug up.

Probably the best-known archaeological site in the country is the site at Zubarah on the north-west coast of Qatar which is still being uncovered by a team from the Ministry of Information's department of tourism and antiquities, led by Dr Nabil Saroufim. A town of some 400 houses founded in the mid-18th century, it grew to be the most important commercial centre in the country during the 19th century but was later abandoned and fell into ruin.

Reconstructing the Past

A wide variety of finds have been made on the site, including coins (with some of Turkish and Indian origin), cooking pots, glass bangles and clay pipes. All of which help archaeologists to build up a picture of what life was like for the people who lived there at that time.

But there are other sites still to be uncovered. Like the 9th century village at Murwab and the many burial grounds which are known to be very old but still have to be dated.

Early traces of man in the shape of implements from the pre-Neolithic period (10th - 8th millenium BC) have also been found, especially around the Umm Bab area. And perhaps even more significant a two-room stone-built house dating from the 6th millenium BC reckoned to be part of an ancient village has been found in south-east Qatar. This shows that people were already settled there.

Important Discoveries

Excavations in Qatar have been going on for many years. Notably by a Danish team between 1956 and 1962 and a French team who began surveys in 1976 and in the course of their six-year mission made many important discoveries, especially from around the areas of al Khor and Murwab. Tools and flints unearthed at al Khor have been dated to the 5th millenium and the discovery of the remains of many different kinds of fish, as well as the tooth of an antelope, suggests that the inhabitants of that era both hunted and fished. Similarly, the discovery of a grinding stone indicates that they also either practised some form of agriculture or gathered wild crops. It is believed that all those years ago the climate of Qatar was very different from what it is now – still hot, but with abundant rain, so that forests covered much of the land.

Unique Carvings

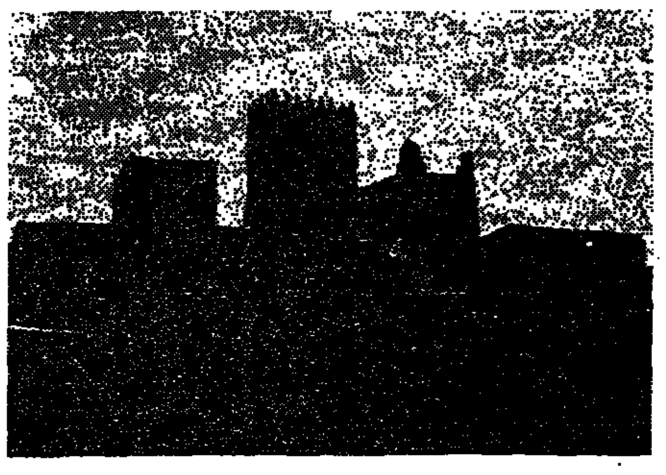
The more recent findings at Murwab – believed to belong to the Islamic Abbasid period – include the remains of nearly 250 houses around what is probably a fort. Artefacts unearthed on the site include broken pieces of pottery, coloured and painted pieces of clay lamps or cups, glass ornaments and pieces of mortar which were probably used for grinding. All this suggests a well-established settlement inhabited over a long period of time.

Rock carvings have also been found at Jebel Jusasiyah, north of al Khor and, it is believed, could date from as far back as 1400 BC. And, according to Danish expert Dr Hans Kepel, nothing quite like them exists anywhere else in the Arab world.

Pre-Historic Finds

Even older finds – though unrelated to man who had not yet made his appearance at the era of prehistory in question – have been turned up in Qatar. During the winter of 1983-84, Dr Peter Whybrow, head of the palaeontological laboratory at the Natural History Museum in London spent three months working on a joint research project with the Scientific and Applied Research Centre at the University of Qatar. The aim of the project was to make a study of the Miocene period in Qatar. Through the detailed study of rocks, they hoped to gain some clues as to what creatures were roaming around this part of world between 16 and 14 million years ago.

It may come as a surprise to learn that even so long ago the Earth was inhabited by creatures that we would recognize today – apes, elephants, rhinoceros, giraffe and certain species of antelope. Miocene rocks, however are mostly marine, so most of the vertebrates found from that period are things like dolphins, sea cows, rays and fish. Invertebrates include oysters, crabs, sea urchins and large shrimps.



Unchanged Fauna

And, apparently, even over a period of 16 million years, things have not changed too much as regards the fauna of the waters. The fossilised ear ossicle of a 16 million-year-old dolphin found by Dr Whybrow near Abu Samra is very much the same as the ossicle you would find inside the ear of a dolphin swimming in the Gulf today.

There appears to be a fair amount of stuff dating from the Miocene period to be dug up and studied in Qatar although some of the fossils, unfortunately, are not very well preserved. The shelly structure in many cases has been leached out by later geological events when it was wetter than it is now, so that the invertebrate fossils that can be found lying about in the desert are usually casts of the original structure.

However, this does not apply to sea urchins and both shells and spines of Miocene sea urchins have been found. Such finds, along with the discovery of a new genus of crab, set new records for the Arabian Miocene and changed the geological map of Qatar for the period.

Towards a Comprehensive Survey

The importance of digging up the country's past in order to better understand its history and the need to preserve its ancient artefacts and monuments is being more and more appreciated. A French archaeologist, Claire Hardy Guilbert, who has already done much work in Qatar, has been commissioned by the state tourism and antiquities department to lead a comprehensive survey of the country's historic monuments in order to facilitate their conservation and preservation. The survey is scheduled to start at the beginning of November and will cover all traditional buildings – Islamic forts, houses, mosques and carved doors.

Reconstruction

At the same time, there are plans to begin reconstruction work on some of the buildings excavated at Zubarah and a new museum at al Khor to house the wealth of archaeological finds from that area is expected to open next year. Qatar's past is being brought into the present – and carefully preserved for the pleasure and enlightenment of future generations.

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Why Davison decided to leave Lloyd's

Ian Hay Davison's resignation as chief executive and deputy chairman of Lloyd's insurance market from next May comes at a critical time for Lloyd's.

Mr Davison feels he has broken the back of the work he was there to do, particularly on the disciplinary front and can, therefore, bow out of a job he did not want and has not enjoyed. The Governor of the Bank of England asked Mr Davison, previously senior partner at Arthur Andersen, the accountant, to take on the task when Lloyd's fortunes were at their lowest ebb.

The conclusion of Lloyd's disciplinary proceedings in the principal scandals (although there are still lesser scandals being investigated) and the readiness of the ruling council to continue implementing the new rule book make it an appropriate time to go, Mr Davison says. Lloyd's will today announce the final verdicts against the offenders in the notorious PCW affair.

The real push, however, came because of an attempt by Lloyd's to downgrade the office of chief executive while Mr Davison was still in it.

Mr Davison says in his resignation letter that his own views on the paramount necessity of an independent chief executive, responsible directly to the council, have not changed and he would find it impossible to continue in office were the terms of reference of the job to be significantly altered.

Lloyd's seems to be looking for a lower-profile chief executive, who is more of a backroom administrator than a driving force on the council. This would not suit Mr Davison, but the time may be ripe for it at Lloyd's.

Mr Davison has not found it easy to buckle down to a desk job and be number two to Lloyd's chairman, Peter Miller.

As Andersen's senior partner, he was used to being top dog and travelling the world in an ambassadorial role. Mr Miller reserves that role strictly for himself at Lloyd's. Relations between the two men can only be described as frosty and it is notable that Mr Miller's statement on the resignation expresses gratitude for Mr Davison's contribution, but no regret at the resignation.

Mr Davison's achievements have been considerable. But there is still much to be done, particularly in the field of regulating brokers, outlawing preferred underwriting and issuing guidelines on correct reserving levels. There is also the looming shadow of what Lloyd's will do with the aftermath of PCW affair. PCW names are set to sue Lloyd's and several large Lloyd's brokers.

It has to be hoped that the council really is committed to continuing the task of reform. Mr Miller, who was re-elected chairman yesterday certainly is. The impetus to get things done, however, must suffer from the loss of someone with Mr Davison's drive.

The bitter pill at Beecham

Chairmen of public companies could be forgiven if they now think twice about agreeing to the appointment of the formidable Lord Keith of Castleacre to their board. For the second time in a little over three months he has stepped into the chair of a predecessor who was too slow on the draw for this forthright merchant banker's taste.

In August, Sir Kenneth Corfield was ousted as head of STC, the electronics and telecommunications group, after a coup by the non-executive directors. Yesterday, it was the turn of the hapless Sir Ronald Halstead, who has been chairman of Beecham Group for only 15 months.

Profits in the first half of Beecham's current year rose by only £3.5 million to £148.8 million, a turly meagre performance for what has been regarded as one of the country's most solid growth companies. "Other than an act of God, second-half profits will remain probably level with the first half, if not a little better," Lord Keith added.

That would imply a fall from last year's total profit of £305 million. Doubtless the new chairman will take a more severe view of write-offs than Sir Ronald, but the stock market took note of Lord Keh's admission that there have been missed opportunites and the company had los direction. Beecham shares ended the day 33p down at 293p.

It has to be said that Sir Ronald was not the best of choices to follow in the wake of the redoubtable Sir Graham Wilkins, now ironically installed as a stop-gap head of Thorn-EMI after the sudden departure of Sir Peter Laister. Sir Ronald's skills were primarily in the field of marketing, and although he could not be denied the ultimate prize he proved too limited for the strategic challenges which lay and still lie in Beecham's path.

The episode also gives a fascinating insight into the role of non-executive directors. Lord Keith has been a director of Beecham since 1949. Sir Ronald must have been rash indeed to ignore any hints of displeasure from such a longstanding board member. And was he appointed in the teeth of Lord Keith's opposition or not? The board minutes of the past couple of years must read like something out of *Dallas* or *Dynasty*.

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Acronyms and home truths from SW1

Of all industries financial services of which the City is the hard, shining core, has most to lose from a Conservative defeat at the next general election. The big bang would become a nightmare of destruction; international bankers and securities dealers would put away their ambitious London plans; newer markets, in which London is already making a mark, would emigrate.

The Tories can rely on the City for political contributions and for votes; but they cannot rely on the tone of the financial community's responses to government economic and financial policy, not on its attitude to sterling.

The pound is already in a sensitive condition, sustained only by high interest rates. There is still a general and justified willingness to give Mrs Thatcher high marks for her Government's achievements in bringing down inflation, raising standards of performance in industry, and maintaining a good rate of healthy growth. There is also a twitchiness, caused by a suspicion that the Government is prepared to depart as far from the path of fiscal rectitude as it needs to find the money for tax-cutting and other vote-catching schemes.

Today's Autumn Statement from the chancellor, as last night's Mansion House speech by the Prime Minister, will be minutely scrutinized for signs of departing virtue. The City has not taken kindly to Nigel Lawson's more relaxed view of monetary aggregates; the same sort of juggling with public spending overruns and public spending borrowing requirement forecasts would not go down at all well.

While they are waiting, analysts have been investigating the inner meaning of the acronyme on which most of the young Turks have been reared. Hence MTFS, which used to stand for Medium Term Financial Strategy, is now seen as Mrs Thatcher's Final Solution for the economy. TINA, aptly described the rigour of the Government's early economic strategy; some, like the Pentagon, now prefer RITA or even TIARA as more accurately catching the emphasis of policy. RITA stands, of course, for Reflation Is The Answer, while TIARA appeals to those who sense There Is A Reflationary Alternative. This might also serve as the working title for a new soap opera set in Buckingham Palace and the Square Mile.

Some analysts, still smarting under the "Young Turks" description caustically applied to them at the last important Mansion House speech in October, delivered by the Chancellor, now talk disrespectfully of the maverick policies pursued by the "Old Greeks" at the other end of town. They may not have justice on their side, as they grumble, but they do have Virgil. Was the great Roman poet anticipating the privatization programme when he wrote, 2,000 years ago: *"Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes"* – Beware Greeks bearing gifts?

Industrial costs over year fall by record 4.6 per cent

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Industry's raw material and fuel costs fell by 1 per cent last month, because of the pound's strength and weak commodity prices. Costs, measured over 12 months, fell by 4.6 per cent, the biggest ever decline.

There was also encouraging news on the prices charged by industry, which rose by 0.3 per cent last month, to stand 5.1 per cent higher than a year earlier. This equalled the 12-month rise to March 1983, the lowest since the present series began in January 1974.

However, these optimistic signs were countered by figures showing a 1.2 per cent drop in retail sales last month, after a 1.4 per cent decline in September. Sales fell to their lowest level since April.

Manufacturing industry's non-labour input costs have been falling steadily since February, mirroring the pound's rise. The index of materials and fuels purchased stood at 131.5 (1980=100) last month, 11 per cent down on the February level and 4.6 per cent lower than October 1984.

Government statisticians ran through the records of both present and previous input price series yesterday and said that the 12-month drop was the largest ever. In September, input costs were 1.8 per cent lower than a year earlier.

Industry's raw material and fuel costs are likely to show a rise this month with the switch to winter fuel tariffs, but a further decline in the 12-month rate is possible.

The 0.3 per cent rise in factory gate prices last month was slightly larger than the average in the past few months. Even so, it was sufficient to cut the rate at which output prices have risen over 12 months from 5.4 to 5.1 per cent.

Price increases were modest in the food, drink and tobacco industries, with a rise of just 0.2 per cent between September and October. In the 12 months to October, prices increased by 3.4 per cent, down from the 3.9 per cent rate in September.

The City was taken by surprise with he announcement of a 1.2 per cent fall in retail sales volume last month, against expectations of a 0.5 to 1.0 per cent rise after September's fall.

The index of sales volume last month was 114.5 (1980 = 100), the lowest since April and the same as in December last year. Sales of clothing and footware, which fell by 1.4 per cent in September, drooped again last month.

Retail sales surged in August, after a strong June and July. The most favoured explanation for the September and October falls is that purchases of autumn clothing were brought forward because of the poor summer weather.

However, the 2.6 per cent fall in sales volume since August suggests an underlying weakness.

Commerce urges cut in loan rates

High interest rates are imposing an excessive burden on industry and hitting employment prospects and small companies hard, the Association of British Chambers of Commerce says today.

The association's third quarter regional business survey shows the trend of export orders and deliveries down in all areas. There is evidence of increased import penetration in the home market, the association says.

Employment prospects, which brightened in the second quarter, have deteriorated and "there is certainly no evidence of a significant fall in unemployment in porspect."

Small companies according to London Chamber of Commerce findings, have suffered most from the drop in export orders.

Mr Tommy Macpherson, chairman of the association's economic and industrial committee, says in a letter to the Chancellor that interest rates "must fall substantially."

He pledges the support of the association for increased spending on the inner cities but gives a warning against raising gas and electricity prices by more than the rate of inflation next year.

Mr Macpherson criticizes the Chancellor and Mr Leon Brittan, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, for dismissing the report by the Lords Committee of Overseas Trade.

14,000 may join Vickers buyout

By Teresa Poole

The management of the Vickers warship yard, due to be privatized next year, yesterday unveiled detailed plans for one of the biggest British employee-led buyouts.

The yard, at Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, was put up for sale last month. The loss-making Cammell Laird yard at Birkenhead is included in the package.

The yards are expected to raise up to £70 million, and considerable interest has already been shown by engineering and defence companies including Trafalgar House and General Electric. The Vickers yard, which provides the only British capacity for building nuclear submarines, is to construct the submarines for the Trident missiles.

The directors of Vickers and Cammell Laird have formed a consortium to bid for the two yards and all 14,000 employees will be invited to participate.

The consortium intends to seek a Stock Exchange listing in due course but this will not be until after the next general election.

The Labour Party has said it would cancel the Trident project and, although there should then be enough conventional warship work to keep the yards busy, the uncertainty is thought to stand in the way of an earlier flotation.

Advisers to the consortium are Lloyds Merchant Bank and Hoare Govett, the broker.

Lucas shake-up puts 12,000 jobs at risk

By Ian Griffiths

Lucas Industries will decide the fate of the 12,000 workers in its loss-making electrical division within the next few months. Continuing problems have forced an intensive review of operations which could result in closures and job losses.

Mr Godfrey Messervy, Lucas Industries' chairman and chief executive, said action would be taken this year but he would not give details.

He was announcing a 77 per cent increase in pretax profits to £57.8 million from £32.6 million for the year to July 31. Sales increased to £1,498.9 million from £1,397.1 million.

Lucas is asking shareholders for a further £89.4 million by way of a one-for-four rights issue at 365p. The news was well received in the City with the shares closing up 18p at 466p. Shareholders are rewarded with a final dividend of 8.4p, making 11p for the year, an increase of 28 per cent.

The money will initially be used to halve the group's borrowings. However, Lucas also wants to expand its activities particularly in the aerospace and industrial division. Tempus, page 25

Hongkong likely to reject System X

From Jeremy Warner, Hong Kong

More bad news is on the way for System X, the British digital telephone exchange system, in its bid to win significant export orders.

Hongkong Telephone Company (Telco), the Cable and Wireless subsidiary which operates the colony's telephone service, is expected to decide against using the system in modernizing its fast-growing network.

System X is one of four systems being considered by Relco for work worth up to HK$1,500 (£150 million) over the next 10 years.

Telco is keen to find an alternative to the Japanese Fujitsu digital exchanges it uses so that it does not have to rely on one supplier.

Tenders were invited from four companies – NEC of Japan, LM Ericsson of Sweden, Northern Telecom of Canada and General Electric of Britain which, with Plessey, produces System X.

Although the British bid was reasonably competitive on price, System X is understood to have failed to meet certain technical requirements and is likely to be ruled out. Ericsson is already providing British Telecommunications with an alternative to System X for its local exchanges while Northern Telecom is supplying Mercury Communications with its first four exchanges in Britain.

Competition to provide the world's telephone networks with digital systems is becoming fierce. Telco has been installing the Fujitsu exchanges at a cost of less than HK$1,000 (£100- a line and does not expect the alternative to cost much more. all system X installations in Britain have so far cost above £170 a line.

Telco expects to spend between HK$250 million a year ans HK$300 million a year on digital xchanges in the next 10 years.

About half the contracts will be placed wih Fujitsu and half with the chosen alternative.

Offer for Investors Capital

By Lawrence Lever

British Assets Trust, the Edinburgh investment trust, yesterday announced a bid for Investors Capital Trust.

British Assets last month acquired a 19.4 per cent stake in Investors Capital from the Kuwait Investment Office.

The terms of the bid, which is supported by the Investors Capital board, contain provisions for the management to be transferred to Ivory & Sime, switching the investment policy from capital to income growth and increasing dividiends, initially to 12p a share, against a current annual rate of 4.1p.

British Assets, which aims to own 51 per cent of Investors Capital, is offering convertible loan stock in exchange for 26 per cent of the company, which values the shares at 269p.

County Bank, advisers to British Assets, is providing an alternative cash offer of 242p a share for the 80.6 per cent of Investors Capital which British Assets does not already own.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Recovery at Ansbacher

Henry Ansbacher, the merchant banking group, appears to be recovering after coming near to collapse with losses of £31.4 million last year.

The group yesterday announced interim pretax profits to September 30 of £1.48 million, with an operating profit before expenses of £2.3 million.

Mr Richard Fenhalls, who took over as executive chairman of Ansbacher after the resignation of Lord Williams in January, said the result was highly encouraging.

An injection of nearly £53 million of new capital in May put the company back on its feet while the most heavily loss making parts of Ansbacher have been disposed of.

The group's profit takes into account all provisions and writing off of goodwill to reserves. It was achieved despite the costs of £20 million borrowings, which were not replaced by new capital until July. Net tangible assets of the group are now more than £44.5 million.

Bank withdraws credit cards

Lloyds Bank is withdrawing all its retail credit card schemes from 31 January because customers are not spending enough.

Three months' notice of withdrawal is being sent to 100,000 cardholders in schemes operated for Lloyds by Access.

Lloyd's names on syndicate 895 *have won the right to have their* case for overwriting and breach of contract against their managing agent, Spicer & White, heard in court. Spicer & White, owned by Willis Faber, wanted the case settled by arbitration. The names did not succeed in securing an interim payment for damages.

Bedford in talks

Bedford, General Motors' loss-making British truck and van operation, is continuing joint venture talks with Leyland, having rejected other European commercial vehicle companies as potential partners.

Sparrow's No

G W Sparrow & Sons, the crane hire and equipment sales company, announced yesterday its formal rejection of a takeover bid from BET valuing it at £6.2 million.

Omega owners launch rescue package

Omega, the loss-making division of Switzerland's top watchmaker, is being restructured.

Herr Ernst Thomke, vice-president of Societé Suisse de Microelectronique et d'Horlogerie (SMH), whose other brands include Swatch, Tissot, ETA and Longines, said drastic mesasures would be taken to put Omega back into profit by 1987.

These measures would include reducing the product range, cutting the workforce by more than half and introducing new marketing and advertising strategies.

Omega, with its rising costs, over-extended product line and lack of new ideas, was a "classic picture of the Swiss watch industry with all the consequances," said Herr Thomke.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	1072.0 (−10.5)
FT All Share	671.62 (−4.48)
FT Govt Securities	83.27 (−0.02)
FT-SE 100	1376.2 (−13.9)
Bargains	26,390
Datastream USM	107.61 (+0.41)
New York	
Dow Jones	1413.52 (+9.16)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12821.26 (−29.79)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1722.40 (+0.02)
Amsterdam: Gen	232.6 (+1.9)
Sydney: AO	1031.6 (+19.1)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1742.9 (−12.1)
Paris: CAC	227.7 (unchanged)
Zurich:	
SKA General	456.0 (+1.0)

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RISES:		
Micro Focus	150p	+40p
Mainmet Holdings	61p	+15p
Castle (GB)	17p	+4p
Berkeley Expl.	90p	+17p
HB Electronic	43p	+7p
Star Computer	38p	+5p
Rotaprint	4p	+0.50p
Petranol	140p	+15p
Bio-Isolates	28p	+3p
SI Group	23.50p	+2.50p
Lyle Shipping	10p	+1p
Concentric	80p	+7p
Humberside Elect.	12p	+1p
Benlox	25p	+2p
Geevor Tin	89p	+8p
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£: FFr 11.3640(+0.0438)
£: Yen 292.26(+1.60)
£ Index: 79.6(+0.1)
New York:
£: $1.4200
$: DM 2.6240)
$: Index: 129.8(+0.2)
ECU £0.592275
SDR £0.758199

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 11½%
3-month Interbank 11⅝–11$\frac{9}{16}$%
3-month eligible bills
buying rate 11$\frac{9}{16}$–11$\frac{15}{32}$%
US: (Friday's close as US banks were closed for Veterans' Day)
Prime Rate 9.50%
Federal Funds 7$\frac{13}{16}$%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.21–7.19%
30-year bond price 104⅝–104$\frac{11}{16}$

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WALL STREET

	Nov 8	Nov 7
AMR	41¾	41½
ASA	35½	34⅞
Allied Signal	43⅞	44
Allied Stores	65⅝	61⅛
Allis Chalmers	3⅞	3⅝
Alcoa	33½	33½
Amax Inc	12¼	11⅝
Amerada Hess	29⅛	29⅛
Am Brands	57⅞	37¾
Am Broadcast	118¾	118⅞
Am Can	60½	61
Am Cyanamid	54½	53¾
Am Elec Power	22⅝	22⅞
Am Express	47⅝	46⅞
Am Home	58⅝	58⅝
Am Hospital	46⅞	46
Am Motors	2¾	2¾
Am Standard	32	30½
Am Telephone	21	20⅝
Amoco	65¼	65¼
Armco Steel	8⅞	9
Asarco	15¾	15⅞
Ashland Oil	36⅛	36
Atlntc Richfield	62⅞	63¾
Avon Products	27⅛	27⅝
Bankers Tst NY	65¾	65¼
Bankamerica	14½	14⅝
Bank of Boston	53⅝	53⅝
Bank of NY	45	44⅞
Beatrice Foods	44⅛	44¼
Bethlehem Steel	14	13⅝
Boeing	47	47¼
Boise Cascade	42⅝	41½
Borden	43⅝	43⅝
Borg Warner	21⅛	20¾
Bristol Myers	59¾	59⅝
BP	31½	32
Burlington Ind	30⅝	30½
Burlington Nthn	65½	65¼
Burroughs	57¼	57
Campbell Soup	43⅝	42⅛
Canadian Pacific	12½	12½
Caterpillar	37⅞	36⅝
Celanese	131	131¼
Central SW	25⅝	25¼
Champion	22¾	22½
Chase Manhat	59½	59½
Chem Bank NY	39⅛	39⅝
Chevron	37½	37¼
Chrysler	41½	40⅝
Citicorp	43⅞	43⅞
Clark Equip	29	28¾
Coca Cola	75¼	74¾
Colgate	31	30⅝
CBS	119⅝	119⅞
Columbia Gas	39	36
Combustion Eng	28⅞	28⅝
Comwlth Edison	34¾	28¾
Cons Edison	34¾	34⅝
Cons Nat Gas	42	42⅛
Cons Power	8⅛	7¾
Control Data	18	18⅝
Corning Glass	53⅝	52½
CPC Intl	49¼	48⅝
Crane	37¼	38⅝
Crown Zeller	40⅞	40⅞
Dart & Kraft	40⅝	40⅛
Deere	25½	25½
Delta Air	40⅛	40⅝
Detroit Edison	15⅞	15⅛
Digital Equip	114¾	116¼
Disney	93	92¾
Dow Chemical	38	37¾
Dresser Ind	18⅛	18⅛
Duke Power	33½	33½
Du Pont	61½	61⅝
Eastern Air	7	6⅞
Eastman Kodak	44⅞	44⅝
Eaton Corp	57¾	57⅞
Emerson Elect	71⅛	70½
Evans Prod	1¼	1

	Nov 8	Nov 7
Exxon Corp	25⅝	52¾
Fed Dept Stores	67⅝	67¾
Firestone	18⅝	18⅛
Fst Chicago	24⅞	24½
Fst Intrst Bncp	49½	49½
Fst Penn Corp	6⅞	6⅝
Ford	47⅞	47
GAF Corp	42¼	42¼
GTE Corp	41¼	41¼
Gen Corp	64¾	62⅝
Gen Dynamics	67	64½
Gen Electric	61¼	60½
Gen Inst	16	15¼
Gen Mills	65½	63⅝
Gen Motors	67⅞	67⅝
Gen Pub Util NY	15⅝	15½
Genesco	3½	3¼
Georgia Pacific	22	22
Gillette	68⅝	68⅞
Goodrich	31¾	32¼
Goodyear	27⅛	26¾
Gould Inc	32⅝	32⅝
Grace	39¼	38⅞
Gt Atlc & Pacific	19	18½
Greyhound	29½	28⅝
Grumman Corp	29⅝	29⅞
Gulf & West	43⅝	43¼
Heinz H. J.	28½	28½
Hercules	37¾	37¾
Hewlett-Pkrd	32	32¼
Honeywell	64⅞	64
IC Inds	38⅛	37
Ingersoll	53½	53¼
Inland Steel	20¼	20⅝
IBM	132½	132⅛
Int Harvester	7⅞	7⅝
INCO	11⅝	11¾
Int Paper	46	46⅛
Int Tel Tel	33⅝	33½
Irving Bank	39	39
Jim Walter	37¾	38⅛
Johnson & John	48¼	48⅞
Kaiser Alumin	15⅞	14¾
Kerr McGee	32⅛	32⅛
Kimberly Clark	60	60⅛
K Mart	32⅝	32⅝
Kroger	47	46¾
L.T.V. Corp	5⅞	5⅞
Litton	83¼	83½
Lockheed	48⅞	46¾
Lucky Stores	23⅞	23⅞
Manuf Hanover	39¼	38½
Manville Cp	5¼	5¼
Mapco	35¼	35⅞
Marine Midland	35⅛	34¾
Martin Marietta	32⅞	33⅛
Masco	36	35⅝
McDonnell	68¾	68⅝
Mead	35¾	36⅞
Merck	119¼	117⅝
Minnesota Mng	79¾	79¾
Mobil Oil	30¼	30⅛
Monsanto	44½	44¾
Morgan J. P.	53⅝	53¼
Motorola	32⅞	32⅝
NCR Corp	35¼	35⅛
NL Industries	12¾	12⅞
Nat Distillers	31½	31⅝
Nat Med Ent	21⅝	21⅝
Nat Semicndctr	11⅞	11½
Norfolk South	73⅝	73¼
NW Bancorp	25¼	28⅛
Occidental Pet	35	33¼
Ogden	32½	32½
Olin Corp	38¼	35¾
Owens-Illinois	52⅝	52½
Pacific Gas Elec	18⅞	19
Pan Am	8½	8½
Penney J. C.	49⅝	49¼
Pennzoil	47¼	47⅝
Pepsico	64⅝	64¾

	Nov 8	Nov 7
Pfizer	48¾	48⅞
Phelps Dodge	20	19⅝
Philip Morris	75⅞	74⅝
Phillips Petrol	13⅛	13
Polaroid	38⅝	37¾
PPG Ind	48⅝	49¼
Procter Gamble	65⅞	65¾
Pub Ser El & Gas	29¾	29
Raytheon	49	48⅝
RCA Corp	47¼	47⅝
Reynolds Ind	25⅝	25½
Reynolds Metal	31¾	31⅝
Rockwell Int	34⅝	33⅞
Royal Dutch	62⅛	62⅛
Safeways	37⅛	35⅞
Sara Lee	47⅛	48¼
SFE Sopac	33	33
SCM	73⅝	73½
Schlumberger	34¾	34½
Scott Paper	44¾	44¼
Seagram	42¾	42⅝
Sears Roebuck	35⅞	35¾
Shell Trans	38⅝	38½
Singer	38¾	38⅝
Smithkline Beck	69⅞	69¾
Sony	18⅝	18½
Sth Cal Edison	24⅝	25¼
Sperry Corp	46⅞	46¾
Std Oil Ohio	50⅝	51⅛
Sterling Drug	36⅛	36¼
Stevens J. P.	26⅝	26⅝
Sun Comp	51⅛	51⅛
Teledyne	267	266½
Tenneco	38¼	38¼
Texaco	38⅝	38¼
Texas East Corp	35⅛	36⅝
Texas Inst	95½	93⅞
Texas Utilities	28½	28⅝
Textron	49⅝	49¼
Travelers Corp	46⅞	45½
TRW Inc	80	80½
UAL Inc	51	50⅛
Unilever NV	124	122¾
Union Carbide	59⅞	60¼
Un Pacific Corp	49¼	48¾
United Brands	23¼	23⅝
US Steel	28⅛	28⅝
Utd Technol	40⅝	40⅝
Unocal	28⅝	28⅝
Wachovia	34⅛	34⅛
Warner Lambert	39⅝	39½
Wells Fargo	57¼	57½
Westnghse Elec	43	42⅝
Weyerhauser	28⅝	28⅝
Whirlpool	45½	44
Woolworth	52¼	52⅝
Xerox Corp	54⅝	54½
Zenith	17⅝	17½

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	17½	17½
Alcan Alumin	34¾	34¾
Algoma Steel	19	19
Bell Telephone	42⅝	42¾
Can Pacific	17¾	17⅛
Cominco	11⅝	11⅝
Cons Bathurst	16⅝	16¼
Gulf Oil	20⅝	20¼
Hawker/Sid Can	20¼	20½
Hudson Bay Mn	6⅝	6¾
Imasco	24½	24¼
Imperial Oil	52⅝	51
Int Pipe	44⅝	44½
Mass.-Fergsn	3.10	3.10
Royal Trustco	21½	21⅛
Seagram	58⅞	58½
Steel Co	21	21
Thomson N 'A'	22½	21¾
Walker Hiram	34⅛	34
WCT	16⅞	17⅛

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Dow quick to improve

New York (Agencies) – Wall Street moved higher in early trading yesterday, extending the gains of last week.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up at one stage 6.31 points to 1410.67. Advancing issues and declines were close to even on a turnover of 9.09 million shares.

Potlatch Corporation led the active issues, up ¼ to 42¼. The company's board unanimously rejected a $45 a share offer from First City Financial. The directors also authorized repurchase of up to 20 per cent of the company's own shares.

Mr Richard Madden, chairman, said: "The board concluded that the interests of stockholders and other constituencies would be served best by the continued independence of the company.

"The board decided in view of the prolonged depressed condition of the forest products industry and the substantial investment Potlatch has made in its future now would be a poor time to sell the company."

The board he said had reviewed the management's evaluation of the long-term prospects of the company and the business background and experience of the Belzberg family which controls First City.

IBM was up ⅜ to 132⅞ and Union Carbide up ½ to 60⅜.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 85	88.46	88.47	88.43	88.43	440
Mar 86	88.93	88.93	88.82	88.83	489
Jun 86	89.25	89.25	89.15	89.17	256
Sep 86	89.34	89.34	89.28	89.29	88
Previous day's total open interest 6973					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Dec 85	92.12	92.12	92.06	92.11	1456
Mar 86	91.94	91.97	91.93	91.97	787
Jun 86	91.69	91.70	91.67	91.70	98
Sep 86	91.36	91.36	91.33	91.36	74
Previous day's total open interest 20425					
US Treasury Bond					
Dec 85	79-20	79-20	79-15	79-17	650
Mar 86	78-12	78-12	78-12	78-09	21
Jun 86	NT			77-03	0
Previous day's total open interest 3216					
Short Gilt					
Dec 85	97-38	97-38	97-38	97-38	96
Mar 86	NT			97-49	0
Jun 86	NT				0
Previous day's total open interest 1620					
Long Gilt					
Dec 85	111-27	111-30	111-18	111-19	1038
Mar 86	111-30	111-30	111-28	111-23	50
Jun 86	NT				0
Sep 86	NT			110-23	0
Previous day's total open interest 5212					
FT-SE 100					
Dec 85	139.35	139.50	137.75	137.75	583
Mar 86	NT			139.25	0
Previous day's total open interest 2053					

COMMODITIES

Slightly lower aluminium stocks on the London Metal Exchange were the only ray of sunshine in the otherwise continuing gloom yesterday. Trading in most contracts was all but dead.

The softs were not much better. Coffee was nervous as traders still tried to assess the shortfall in the Brazilian crop. Sugar fizzled out and cocoa lacked fundamental news. Precious metals were dull, but financials showed some life as dealers grew more confident about the direction of the dollar.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
Rubber in p per kilo;
Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne;
Gas-oil and sugar in US $ per tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER	
Dec	600 seller
Jan	Unq.
Feb	Unq.
Mar	Unq.
Apr	Unq.
May	Unq.
Jun	Unq.
Jul	Unq.
Aug	Unq.
Jan/Mar	Unq.
Apr/Jun	Unq.
Jul/Sep	Unq.
Vol	Nil.
SUGAR (Raw) No. 6 at 16.40	
Dec	146.0–146.0
Mar	158.4–56.0
May	162.8–62.4
Aug	168.0–67.6
Oct	173.4–73.0
Dec	Unq.
Vol.	1,068
SUGAR (White) All months unquoted	
Vol	Nil.
COCOA	
Dec	1648–45
Mar	1691–89
May	1718–17
July	1742–40
Sep	1763–62
Dec	1770–61
Mar	1776–66
Vol	1,858
COFFEE	
Nov	1799–96
Jan	1835–32
Mar	1842–39
May	1842–40
Jul	1850–43
Sep	1855–53
Nov	1870–50
Vol	409
SOYABEAN	
Dec	130.1–30.0
Feb	132.9–32.8
Apr	132.5–32.3
Jun	127.3–26.5
Aug	127.3–26.8
Oct	129.0–28.6
Dec	131.0–30.0
Vol	764
GAS OIL	
Dec	268.75–68.50
Jan	265.50–64.75
Feb	260.50–60.25
Mar	252.00–51.75
Apr	246.00–45.00
May	238.00–37.50
Jun	234.00–33.50
Jul	233.00–31.50
Aug	232.00–30.00
Vol	1,935

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures
Prices in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	958.00-958.50
Three months	985.00-985.50
Vol	11,325
Tone	Steady
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	938.00-940.00
Three months	957.00-958.00
Vol	nil
Tone	idle
TIN	SUSPENDED
LEAD	
Cash	278.00-279.00
Three months	277.00-278.00
Vol	3,050
Tone	easier
ZINC STANDARD	
Cash	378.00-382.00
Three months	
Vol	
Tone	
ZINC HIGH GRADE	
Cash	400.00-402.00
Three months	409.00-410.00
Vol	3,500
Tone	steady
SILVER LARGE	
Cash	425.0-426.0
Three months	438.0-438.5
Vol	11
Tone	steady
SILVER SMALL	
Cash	425.0-426.0
Three months	438.0-438.5
Vol	nil
Tone	idle
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	661.00-663.00
Three months	689.00-690.00
Vol	5,400
Tone	steady
NICKEL	
Cash	2815-2820
Three months	2865-2870
Vol	336
Tone	steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 11

GB: Cattle, 94.51p per kg lw (+0.02).
GB: Sheep, 149.42p per kg est d c w (-0.94).
GB: Pigs, 83.45p per kg lw (+0.37).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 3.2 per cent, ave. price, 94.33p (-0.01).
Sheep nos. down 5.5 per cent, ave. price, 150.58p (-0.32).
Pig nos. up 2.3 per cent, ave. price, 83.46p (+0.37).

Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 17.3 per cent, ave. price, 96.42p (+0.60).
Sheep nos. up 21.5 per cent, ave. price, 144.84p (-2.73).
Pig nos. down 5.9 per cent, ave. price, 83.25p (+1.01).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Nov	£108.50	£107.50
Jan	£110.90	£110.20
Mar	£113.30	£112.90
May	£116.25	£115.05
Jly	£118.70	–
Sep	£097.00	£097.70

Volume:
Wheat 21.9
Barley 98.

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Nov	UNQ.	114.0
Jan	UNQ.	UNQ.
Feb	UNQ.	092.0
Mar	UNQ.	UNQ.
Apr	UNQ.	UNQ.
May	UNQ.	UNQ.
Jun	UNQ.	096.0
Jul	UNQ.	084.9
Aug	UNQ.	UNQ.
Sep	UNQ.	UNQ.
Oct	UNQ.	UNQ.

Pig meat
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	101.0	101.1
Apr	102.8	102.9
Jun	100.0	100.1
Aug	099.9	099.2
Oct	103.5	104.3
Nov	105.5	105.8
		Vol.53

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Nov	66.50	expired
Feb	68.00	67.30
Apr	78.00	78.10
May	84.00	84.10
Nov	75.00	72.20
		Vol.309

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report
$10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
Jan 86	872.0–867.0	868.5
Apr 86	937.0–935.0	937.0
Jul 86	–	826.5
Oct 86	925.0–915.0	917.5
Jan 87	–	937.5
Apr 87	–	987.5
Jul 87	–	882.5
Oct 87	–	966.0

Spot: 898.5
Vol.: 140 lots.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Dealers complained of extremely slack trading conditions yesterday. Period rates were left virtually undisturbed in the interbank term deposit market and in sterling Certificates of Deposit.

Day-to-day money stayed within bounds of 11⅝ – ⅜ per cent almost throughout. In particularly thin and patchy conditions near the finish, the rate went to 13 – 11 per cent.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11½
Finance House 12

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 11¾ Low 11½
Week fixed: 11½-11 7/16

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11¼	2 months	11⅛
3 months	11 3/16	3 months	11⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 month	11 11/32-11 5/16	2 months	11¼-11 3/16
3 months	11 3/16-11 5/32	6 months	10⅞-10 13/16

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 month	11 23/32	2 months	11⅝
3 months	11 19/32	6 months	11½

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11⅝-11½ close 12

1 week	11⅝-11½	6 months	11⅜-11 5/16
1 month	11½-11 9/16	9 months	11 7/16-11 5/16
3 months	11½-11 7/16	12 months	11 7/16-11 5/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	11¾	7 days	11¾
1 month	11⅝	3 months	11½
6 months	11⅜	12 months	11

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 month	12⅛-12	2 months	12⅛-11⅞
3 months	12-11¾	6 months	11⅞-11⅝
9 months	11¾-11⅝	12 months	11⅝-11½

Sterling CDs (%)

1 month	11 9/16-11½	3 months	11 9/16-11 15/32
6 months	11 7/16-11⅜	12 months	11 5/16-11 3/16

Dollar CDs (%)

1 month	7.95-7.85	3 months	7.95-7.85
6 months	7.95-7.85	12 months	8.15-8.05

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	8⅛-7⅞
7 days	7 15/16-8	1 month	8 1/16-7 15/16
3 months	8 1/16-7 15/16	6 months	8⅛-8
Deutschmark		call	5-4
7 days	4 9/16-4 11/16	1 month	4⅝-4 11/16
3 months	4 13/16-4 11/16	6 months	4 13/16-4 11/16
French Franc		call	9½-8½
7 days	9 3/16-9 1/16	1 month	9⅝-9⅛
3 months	9½-9⅜	6 months	10 1/16-10 5/16
Swiss Franc		call	1½-½
7 days	1¾-1½	1 month	3½-3⅜
3 months	4¼-4⅛	6 months	4⅝-4½
Yen		call	7-6
7 days	7 11/16-7 9/16	1 month	8-7⅞
3 months	8 1/16-7 15/16	6 months	7⅝-7½

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$324.25-325.75 (£228.25-229.50)
Sovereigns* (new):
$78.00-79.00 (£54.75-55.50)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period 2 October, 1985 to 5 November, 1985, inclusive: 11.608 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar and the pound both gained ground slightly in extremely thin and quiet markets yesterday.

Dealers said that with Singapore closed, Brussels and Paris shut for Aristice Day and New York closed for Veterans' Day, activity was thin and spreads were narrow.

The pound managed to close with a small advantage, ending 17 points higher against the dollar at 1.4192 and firmer against the mark at 3.7291 (3.7156).

It remains firmly underpinned by the high level of British interest rates, but dealers said nervousness about world oil prices remains an inhibiting factor.

The pound is largely being neglected at the moment in favour of the dollar, yen and dollar mark relationships, which are occupying most of the attention.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range November 11	Market rates close November 11	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.4175-1.4217	$1.4185-1.4200	0.42-0.38c prem	1.24-1.19c prem
Montreal	$1.9532-1.9591	$1.9540-1.9575	0.51-0.42c prem	1.46-1.31c prem
Amsterdam	4.1932-4.2090fl	4.1959-4.2046fl	2-1⅞c prem	5⅞-5½c prem
Brussels	75.12-75.50f	75.21-75.36f	21-16c prem	61-51c prem
Copenhagen	13.4460-13.5094k	13.4858-13.4953k	3⅛-2ore prem	8½-7¼ore prem
Dublin	1.2034-1.2077p	1.2065-1.2085p	23-9p prem	45-8p prem
Frankfurt	3.7155-3.7356m	3.7250-3.7332m	2¼-2pf prem	6⅛-5pf prem
Lisbon	230.51-233.75e	230.51-233.59e	140-400e disc	500-1300e disc
Madrid	228.33-229.28p	228.87-229.28p	45-90p disc	150-270p disc
Milan	2507.90-2521.58lr	2512.52-2517.31lr	1-6lr disc	8-15lr disc
Oslo	11.1702-11.2166k	11.1905-11.2166k	⅛-⅞ore disc	2½-2⅞ore disc
Paris	11.3290-11.3794f	11.3409-11.3671f	2⅝-2c prem	6⅛-5¼c prem
Stockholm	11.1588-11.2220k	11.1958-11.2220k	2-2⅝ore disc	5⅛-6ore disc
Tokyo	291.54-292.52y	292.00-292.52y	1-⅞y prem	2⅝-2⅜y prem
Vienna	26.11-26.24sch	26.19-26.23sch	13⅝-12gro prem	38½-34gro prem
Zurich	3.0555-3.0679f	3.0576-3.0629f	2⅛-1⅞c prem	5¾-5⅝c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up 0.1 at 79.6 (day's range 79.5-79.6).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral	1.1344–1.1375
Australia dollar	2.1258–2.1304
Bahrain dinar	0.5340–0.5380
Brazil cruzeiro	12386.20–12460.50
Cyprus pound	0.7900–0.8000
Finland marka	7.9600–8.0000
Greece Drachma	217.80–219.80
Hongkong dollar	11.0700–11.0820
India rupee	17.15–17.35
Iraq dinar	na
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.4145–0.4185
Malaysia dollar	3.4458–3.4554
Mexico peso	na
New Zealand dollar	2.4223–2.4366
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.1710–5.2110
Singapore dollar	2.9915–3.0009
South Africa rand	3.7954–3.8186
United Arab Emirates dirham	5.2020–5.2420

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.1765-1.1780
Singapore	2.1075-2.1125
Malaysia	2.4275-2.4325
Australia	0.6658-0.6673
Canada	1.3765-1.3775
Sweden	7.8850-7.8950
Norway	7.8850-7.8950
Denmark	9.4950-9.5050
West Germany	2.6260-2.6280
Switzerland	2.1555-2.1575
Netherlands	2.9610-2.9630
France	8.0090-8.0050
Japan	205.73-205.83
Italy	1772.5-1774.5
Belgium(Comm)	53.05-53.10
Hong Kong	7.7990-7.8010
Portugal	162.0-163.0
Spain	160.95-161.10
Austria	18.42-18.45

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
101	87	Alsa	98	..	2.6	2.6	..
666	580	Alliance	646	-2	26.1n	4.0	..
155	118	Amer Trust	128	..	4.3	3.4	..
302	245	Ang Amer Sec	284	+1	8.1	2.9	..
146	123	Ashdown	138	+1	4.2b	3.1	..
120	88	Atlantic Assets	108	..	0.8	0.7	..
102	83	Bankers	98 ●	-1	3.5b	3.8	..
194	152	Berry	168	..	1.5	0.9	..
175	162	Border & Sthn	175 ●	..	5.1	2.9	..
218	190	Br Assets	212	-2	10.8b	5.1	..
32¾	25	Br Empire Sec	32¾	+1¼	1.3	4.0	..
374	312	British Inv	370	-4	20.5	5.5	..
82	64	Brunner	82	..	3.1b	3.8	..
89	72	Charter Agency	84	-1	3.2b	3.8	..
665	525	Continental	645	..	30.0b	4.7	..
178	119	Crescent Japan	147	..	1.1	0.8	..
485	385	Delta	380	..	..	..	..
112	97	Derby Inc	112	..	10.9	9.7	..
115	95	Do Cas	115	..	..	..	..
330	264	Drayton Cons	322	-8	14.3	4.4	..
148	112	Drayton Far East	135	..	1.8	1.2	..
427	348	Drayton Japan	427	+4	3.6e	0.8	..
516	363	Drayton Premier	514	..	20.7b	4.0	..
188	160	Dundee Lon	188	..	7.4b	4.0	..
118	89	Edn Amer Asset	99	..	0.8	0.8	..
117½	103	Edinburgh	116½ ●	-½	4.6b	4.0	..
294	254	Electric Gen	294	+2	5.1	1.7	..
136	114	English Int	134	-1	5.0	3.7	..
79	65	English Scot	77	..	1.9	2.4	..
110	91	English NY	108	..	3.6	3.3	..
97	76	F & C Alliance	86	-1	2.4	2.8	..
168	122	F&C Pacific	146	-2	1.8b	1.2	..
238	188	Family	238 ●	+3	11.3b	4.8	..
283	242	First Scot Amer.	283	+1	12.9b	4.5	..
185	80	First Un Gen	80	..	8.7	10.9	..
590	416	Fleming American	488	+3	7.5	1.5	..
292	235	Fleming Claver	292	+2	12.8	4.4	..
288	233	Fleming Enterprise	286	..	12.1	4.2	..
109	76	Fleming Far East	82	-½	1.5	1.8	..
113	100	Fleming Fledgling	107	-2	3.6	3.3	..
580	405	Fleming Japan	450 ●	..	5.7	1.3	..
128	105	Fleming Mercantile	128	..	4.3	3.4	..
134	100	Fleming Overseas	111	..	3.9	3.5	..
163	120	Fleming Tech	141	-1	3.3	2.3	..
334	288	Fleming Universal	300 ●	..	7.1	2.4	..
74	59	For Col	68½	..	2.0	2.9	..
121	82	GBC Capital	92	-1	..	..	..
185	115	GT Japan	127	..	2.0	1.6	..
135	97	General Funds	134	..	2.7	2.0	..
276	230	General Cons	276	+3	14.3b	5.2	..
125	103½	Glasgow Stock	123	..	2.8b	2.4	..
307	251	Globe	302	-2	14.5	4.8	..

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
285	262	Greenfriar	284	-1	2.3	0.9	..
275	220	Gresham House	255	..	6.3	2.5	..
165	138	Hambros	165	+1	6.1	3.7	..
288	226	Hill (P)	254 ●	..	13.6	5.2	..
540	448	Invest-in Success	535	+2	7.8	1.5	..
253	208	Inv Cap	251	+6	5.2b	2.1	..
82	45½	Japan Assets	48	-½	0.1	0.2	..
161½	127	Lake View	151 ●	-1	3.3	2.2	..
191	162	Law Debenture	186	+2	8.8b	4.8	..
88	66	Lon Merchant Sec	81	..	3.1	3.9	..
89	68	Lon Trust	74	..	6.1	8.2	..
104	86	Merchants	104	..	5.4b	5.2	..
174	138	Monks	162	-1½	3.4b	2.3	..
133	106	Murray Income	133 ●	+2½	7.7	5.8	..
117	85	Murray Growth	115	..	2.0	1.7	..
138	112	Murray Intl	135	..	6.4n	4.7	..
207	163	Murray Small	207	+1	3.7	1.8	..
312	268	Murray Venture	312 ●	..	7.8	2.5	..
385	354	New Court	385	+2	20.4	5.2	..
77	61	New Darien Oil	65	-2	0.5	0.7	..
178	153	1928	168	-2	8.7	4.8	..
50	37	Nwthrog Inc $3	50	..	4.2b	8.4	..
243	157	New Tokyo	181	-2	1.4e	0.8	..
324	248	Nth Atlantic Sec	268	-1	4.9	1.8	..
123	75	Nth Sea Assets	77	+1	0.7	0.9	..
283	227	Nthn Amer	265	+1	7.7b	2.9	..
146	126	Outwich	146	+1	4.3	2.9	..
181	75	Pacific Assets	75	..	..	..	..
43	33	Do Wrnts	34	..	..	..	..
48	32	Personal Assets	41	..	0.3	0.7	..
352	282	Raeburn	352	+3	14.1b	4.0	..
144	125	River & Merc	143	-1	7.9b	5.5	..
238	198	River Plate	235	+1	10.7	4.6	..
192	168	Robeco	186	..	..	..	..
171	150	Rolinco	170	..	..	..	..
292	228	Romney	282	+3	6.8b	2.4	..
11¼	10	Rorento	£11¼	..	..	..	..
118	98	St Andrews	116	+1	4.0b	3.4	..
295	235	Scottish	294	..	7.8	2.7	..
275	211	Scot American	273	-1	8.4	3.1	..
90½	73	Scot Eastern	90	-½	2.9b	3.2	..
408	345	Scot Mtge	393 ●	+1	10.7b	2.7	..
245	204	Scot Nat	243	-2	6.4b	2.6	..
383	354½	Scot Merc 'A'	383	+3	20.0	5.2	..
595	500	Second Alliance	555	-1	23.2	4.2	..
139	108	Sec Of Scotland	135 ●	..	6.8b	4.9	..
78	61	Smaller Cos	69	..	1.7b	2.5	..
39½	32	Stewart Enterp	38½	..	0.6	1.5	..
148	110	Stockholders	122	-1	3.6	2.9	..
100	78	Tr Australia	90	+1	3.1b	3.4	..
102	76	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	100	-2	5.6b	5.6	..

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
160	137	Tr Ind & Gen	158	-2	5.4b	3.4	..
235	205	Tr Natural Res	211	+1	10.7	5.1	..
111	79	Tr North America	98	..	2.8	3.0	..
148½	111	Tr Pacific Basin	125	+1	1.4b	1.1	..
157	129	Tr Property	150	..	5.1	3.4	..
101	79	Tr Tech	86	-½	2.5	2.9	..
150	124	Tr Trustees	146	-2	5.4b	3.7	..
145	111	Temple Bar	140	-1	7.1b	5.1	..
283	211	Throgmorton	261	-2	10.7b	4.1	..
315	258	Throg Secured Cap	315	..	..	..	..
157	137	Trans Oceanic	152	..	4.9b	3.2	..
129	103	Tribune	113½	-½	3.3	2.9	..
82½	74	Triplevest Inc	77	..	14.7	19.1	..
229	188	US Debenture	217	-3	9.3b	4.8	..
92	62	Viking Resources	82½	-1	1.7	2.7	..
88	61	Westpool	82 ●	..	2.2	2.8	..
110	84	Winterbottm Energy	88	+2	1.6b	1.1	..
164½	139	Witan	163	-1½	3.9	2.4	..
295	259	Yeoman	295	+2	13.8b	4.7	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
530	260	Akroyd & Smithers	525	+10	--	--	20.4
57½	28⅝	American Express	£39⅝ ●	+⅞	..	..	..
43	19	Argyle	35	+1	..	..	17.8
95	82	Boustead	82	..	..	..	..
155	86	Britannia Arrow	147 ●	+1	3.7	2.5	23.9
£15¾	8⅝	Daily Mail	£15½	+½	60.0	3.9	16.3
14⅝	8½	Do 'A'	£14⅝	..	60.0	4.1	15.7
141½	113	Electra	140	-1	8.3	5.8	25.6
101	73	Eng Assoc	97 ●	+8	3.9	4.0	13.4
248	176	Exco	227 ●	..	4.5	2.0	18.1
85	60	Exploration	68	..	3.0	4.4	12.1
428½	350	Framlington	395	..	7.1	1.8	18.4
96	55	Frost Gp	84	-4	..	..	..
105	44	Goode (D & M)	97	..	1.8	1.8	18.5
10⅞	5⅝	Henderson Admin	£10⅞	+⅛	22.9	2.2	14.8
875	388	M & G	860	+20	19.3	2.2	34.2
369	217	Mercantile House	259	..	15.5	6.2	8.0
405	300	Mills & Allen	360 ●	..	22.9	6.4	8.5
113	75	Pacific Inv Tst	80	+1	..	..	..
41	20	Do Warrants	22	..	..	..	..
199	83	Smith Brothers	199	+5	8.5	4.3	23.1

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	111.7	118.1	-0.2	10.16
High Inc Equity	76.8	81.7●	-0.1	5.05
Worldwide Bond	155.4	165.5●	+0.5	5.83
American Growth	130.0	138.2	+0.9	2.89
Asian Pacific	47.0	50.8	-0.2	2.46
Assets & Earns	81.4	87.0●	-0.1	2.85
Capital Reserve	80.4	80.7	..	..
Comm & Energy	67.0	72.0	-0.3	1.82
European Capital	59.9	62.7	-0.4	2.39
General	119.9	128.2	-0.1	3.32
Japan	155.5	167.1●	-0.3	..
UK Growth Inc	75.5	81.1●	-0.2	1.90
Do Accum	108.1	116.2●	-0.2	..
US Emerging Co's	50.3	54.3●	..	0.48
Equitas Progress	167.8	179.2●	-0.8	3.61
AITKEN HUME FUNDS MANAGEMENT 30, City Road, London EC1Y 2AY 01-638 6011				
American Tech	97.9	104.7	+0.3	0.10
Pacific	118.0	126.2	..	0.89
Sec Income Fnd	145.9	156.1●	-1.0	5.84
Special Situations	167.9	179.6●	-0.1	1.55
Energy & Res	27.1	29.0	+0.1	0.10
American Majors	58.5	62.6	+0.4	2.50
Small Co's	31.6	33.8	..	1.87
Japan Technology	61.1	65.3	-0.6	0.10
International Income	50.4	53.9●	-0.2	7.00
Exempt	439.9	470.6●	..	2.36
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 610366 & 0793 28291				
First Trust	192.4	204.9	+0.5	3.47
Growth & Income	111.8	119.1●	..	3.81
Capital Trust	198.7	211.6●	+0.5	3.19
Balanced	305.8	325.7	-0.3	3.91
Accum Trust	465.7	495.9●	-0.2	2.92
American Income	27.5	29.3	+0.2	4.85
High Income Tst	202.0	215.1	+0.1	5.39
Equity Income	111.7	119.0	+0.1	5.61
High Yield	119.0	126.7●	..	6.42
Govt Secs Trust	28.0	29.2●	..	9.66
International	62.9	67.0	-0.1	1.84
Japan Fund	63.8	67.9	-0.4	0.01
Pacific Trust	119.5	127.3	-0.4	1.41
Amer Spcl Sits	57.4	61.1●	+0.2	1.69
Secs Of Amer Tst	173.2	184.5 c	+1.0	1.25
Ald Asset Value	187.9	200.1 c	+0.2	3.89
Gilt Growth	33.2	34.6●	..	3.27
Smaller Co's	103.2	109.9	+0.1	2.79
2nd Smaller Co's	134.2	142.9	+0.2	2.86
Recovery Trust	65.3	69.5●	+0.2	2.69

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Pacific Income	90.3	96.0●	+0.1	0.91
Do Accum	101.5	108.7●	+0.1	0.91
Smlr Co's Inc	312.8	332.8	+0.1	2.28
Do Accum	364.5	387.9	+0.2	2.28
BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST 74-78 Finsbury Pavement London EC2A 1JD 01-588 2777 Dealing:01-638 0478/9 Viewpoint 01-675 5566				
Growth Gilt	53.5			
Intl Recovery	87.7			
Smaller Co's	121.2			
UK Growth	32.0			
Extra Inc	54.7			
Gilt	25.5			
Inc & Growth	165.8			
Nat High Inc	160.4			
Pref Shares	17.7			
Commodity	119.8			
Financial Secs	40.6			
Gold & Gen	16.7			
Intl Leisure	12.7			
Prop Shares	49.4			
Univ Energy	48.3			
World Tech	35.4			
Amer Growth	84.8			
Amer Income	52.8			
Amer Smaller Co's	21.7			
Aust Growth	62.8			
Euro Smaller	11.0			
Far East	36.6			
Hong Kong Prf	25.8			
Intl Growth	28.5			
Japan Perf	36.6			
Japan Smaller	9.7			
Exempt	64.3			
Exempt Market	64.7			
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
BS Fund Income	49.0			
Do Accum	61.1			
Financial	107.0			
Growth Accum	153.8			
Do Income	99.7			
High Income	53.1			
Income	61.0			
North American	48.0			
Orient	51.0			
Recovery	29.7			
Technology	111.3			
German	25.4			
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868				

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	52.2	55.7	+0.1	..
Do Accum	52.2	55.7	+0.1	..
UK Growth Accum	52.7	56.2	..	..
UK High Inc Inc	50.9	54.3	+0.3	..
N American Accum	50.3	53.7	+0.3	..
Far Eastern Accum	49.2	52.5	-0.3	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA 01-588 5620				
Intl Growth	61.5	65.7	+0.1	1.45
American Growth	50.8	54.1	+0.7	0.33
American Inc	58.7	62.7	..	5.17
European Growth	134.2	143.5●	-0.8	0.31
Gold & Minerals	43.0	45.9	+0.4	1.85
Japan Growth	91.4	97.7	-0.2	

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Extra Income	128.2	137.1 c	..	6.05
Do Accum	221.9	237.3 c	+0.1	6.05
German Gth	47.9	51.2	-0.7	0.39
Do Accum	47.9	51.2	-0.7	0.39
Income	226.0	241.7●	..	4.81
Do Accum	438.5	468.9●	+1.1	4.81
Intl Tech	148.1	158.2●	-0.3	0.74
Do Accum	152.3	162.8●	-0.5	0.74
N Amer & Gen	84.8	90.6	+0.5	1.54

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Recovery	148.2	157.8●	+0.6	3.41
Do Accum	158.7	168.7●	+0.7	3.41
Exempt Dist	194.5	200.6	..	2.95
Exempt Accum	294.7	303.5	..	2.95
MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Courtwood Hse, Silver St, Head, Sheffield S1 3RD 0742 79842				
Capital Income	66.5	71.0	+0.1	2.79

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
SAVE & PROSPER 28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 68-73, Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX (Romford) 0708-66966 Or (Edin) 031-226 7351				
Amer Inc & Growth	59.8	63.9●	+0.1	3.10
Capital Units	83.9	89.7	+0.1	2.44
Commodity	44.2	47.2	..	2.28
Energy Inds	50.7	54.2	-0.1	2.88

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Australian	30.7	32.7	-0.4	0.10
Commodity	79.1	85.1 c	-0.1	2.73
Energy	37.4	40.0	-0.1	2.56
Equity	108.0	116.3	..	3.19
European Spec Sits	65.5	68.5	+0.2	0.64
Extra Income	94.3	100.9	-0.3	7.16
Financial	221.9	236.7	+0.3	2.15
Gilt Income	100.9	105.7 c	-0.1	8.47

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Profits rise softens rights issue at Lucas Industries

The rejuvenation of Lucas Industries' share price perhaps owes as much to careful management of news of the company's finances as to careful management of the business.

Since the year-end in July, the news about Lucas has supported, if not created, a growing belief that the shares should be bought. First there was the announcement of a pensions contribution holiday worth around £20 million at the pretax level this year and next year.

Then the company coyly refused to comment on talk that a takeover bid was imminent. Finally, weekend Press comment ensured that yesterday's rights issue came as no surprise.

To soften the rights issue further, Lucas also announced excellent preliminary figures. Pretax profits at £57.8 million, against £32.6 million, were up by 77 per cent. It was an impressive performance by any standards. The shares closed up 18p at 466p with the rights issue almost being seen as an excellent opportunity to increase holdings in the company on the cheap.

The rights price of 365p represents a generous discount which should ensure that there is not a lot of spare stock around which might be picked up by a potential predator.

While it is clear that the right price looks good value for investors, what is a little more vague is the reason for having it. The £89 million will be used to halve borrowings in the first place.

Lucas has gone a long way to restructuring its business. The cost has been heavy and the group has spent £125 million on redundancy and reorganization over the last five years.

The last remaining problem area is Lucas Electrical. Once again it incurred heavy losses and the board must decide this year what if any future it has within the group. Further heavy write-offs can be expected.

However, this is perhaps the darkest cloud on the Lucas horizon. Elsewhere both the industrial and aerospace divisions showed good growth.

Even the automotive sector, despite the problems at Lucas Electrical, managed to return increases in sales and profits. The markets were not conducive to rapid growth but with 70 per cent of the group's business still generated from this sector, Lucas is bound to continue as best it can.

In this year Lucas must be on target for profits of around £100 million. Although the shares have had a good run, there is still sufficient growth to permit some buying, particularly when there is any sign of weakness.

Amersham International

Amersham International's shares adopted some of the properties more associated with the radio activity on which the company has built its reputation. "Hazardous" and "do not handle" seemed to be the messages emitted yesterday as the price dropped 23p to 303p.

Yesteday's interim results were disappointing enough, with pretax profits down from £8 million to £7.8 million. More worrying, though, was that the reason for the fall was not currency movements, which might have been expected from a company which has about 85 per cent of its sales overseas, but that Amersham incurred higher than expected development costs.

The underlying sales growth of the business remained basically unchanged at 13 per cent. This is not quite what the City expects from a high technology business. Amersham's operations afford it some luxuries from the stock market, but the line is drawn at no growth, and that is what has happened to profits.

There might be worse news to come in the second half, this time generated by currency. For while Amersham has been able to ward off the exchange fluctuation effects at the pretax level in the first half it may not be quite so successful in the second.

A further depressant may well be the launch of the new Amerlite system in France and West Germany. The group is therefore in line for a period of consolidation and at best the shares should be held.

Beecham

Superficially, yesterday's *coup de palais* at Beecham offers tempting parallels with similar boardroom butchery, some months ago, at Thorn EMI. Some of the personalities are the same, and the push for dynamic action in a situation of chronic corporate unease has come yet again from the non-executive part of the board.

Yet to concentrate exclusively on the part of the story is to ignore, in a sense, what is the culmination to a running corporate tragedy.

Comparison with Glaxo highlights this point. About 10 years ago, Beecham was a much-fancied glamour stock, while Glaxo was viewed as a group run by boffins incapable of understanding the realities of corporate life.

Glaxo discovered Zantac, perhaps one of the world's most profitable drugs, while Beecham opted to push away from pharmaceuticals and into consumer products.

As Glaxo rides high in the stock market's esteem, yesterday's interim figures from Beecham demonstrate that its present policy mix has run into the sand. A pretax profit figure of just under £149 million, up about 2.4 per cent on last year, is broadly a fairly notional figure, given that acquisitions, currency fluctuations, and changes in the accounting treatment of goodwill have distorted the results.

But comments accompanying the figures stress that such mediocre results show accurately the internal state of affairs at Beecham.

Full-year profits should be broadly unchanged on the £306 million for the year ended March 31 1985.

The board spells out the present position bluntly by stating that during the first six months Beecham showed no organic growth. Plainly, however, the new board is opting for a more emphatic restatement of the present policy mix, insofar as it has background of consumer products, rather than phatmaceuticals.

It is hard to see what other policies might prove viable, granted that the old pharmaceuticals side is itself experiencing real trading problems. In the first half, sales were ahead by 13 per cent, but profits were down, reflecting the cumulative impact of British prescription constraints; British/Japanese price reductions; and the overall absence of real block-busting drugs.

The long-term impact of a flawed strategy surfaced yesterday at Beecham, and the board has no easy options as it struggles to turn the group round. Winning City credibility will not be easy.

APPOINTMENTS

The Extel Consultancy: Mr **Frank Barnard** becomes chairman and Mr **Alan Pegley**, managing director. Mr **Fred Barlow** and Mr **Stanley Gale** (financial public relations); Mr **David Harrison** and Mr **Michael Southgate** (corporate public relations); Mr **Philip Gregory**, Mr **Kenneth Hinkley**, Mr **Clive Johnson** and Mr **Martin Larder** (financial/corporate advertising); Mr **Christopher Maude-Roxby** and Mr **Robert Lewis** (industrial/technical public relations); and Mr **Martin Turner**, Mr **Roland Jack**, Mr **Antoni Mroczek** and Mr **Phillip Willcocks** (design and creative), become directors.

Pannell Kerr Forster Associates: Mr **Andy Duncan** has been appointed a director.

Electra Investment Trust: Mr **M. J. Bentley** will become joint deputy chairman in January and sole deputy chairman and chief executive on June 18.

Air Call: Mr **Nicholas Stanley** has joined the board.

Delta Plant: Mr **David Spencer** has been named managing director.

Agent Plant Hire: Mr **Norman Wright** becomes managing director, Mr **Edward Alger**, assistant managing director, Mr **Brian Shaw**, director and regional depot controller, and Mr **John Evans**, finance director.

Technology Finance: Mr **Alastair Day** and Mr **David Pearce** have joined the board.

Audio International Recording Studies: Mr **Maurice Vass** becomes chairman.

Gartmore Investment Management: Mr **Charles Crowther** has been appointed to the board.

Tilcon: Mr **Gerard Gallagher** has become group managing director. Mr **Brian Howarth** becomes managing director northern division and joins the main board.

Caplan Office Furniture: Mr **Andrew Jowett** has been appointed production director.

The Associaiton of International Savings Banks: Mr **Hans Leenkers** has been elected chairman and Mr **Alberto Crippa**, deputy chairman.

European School of Management Studies: Mr **Tim Cracknell** has been made United Kingdom director.

Habib Bank AG Zurich: Mr **Robert Angus** has joined as a director and adviser.

HMV Shops: Mr **Tony Hirsch** becomes marketing director.

Ellinor Peripherals: Mr **Ian Priestley** has been appointed managing director.

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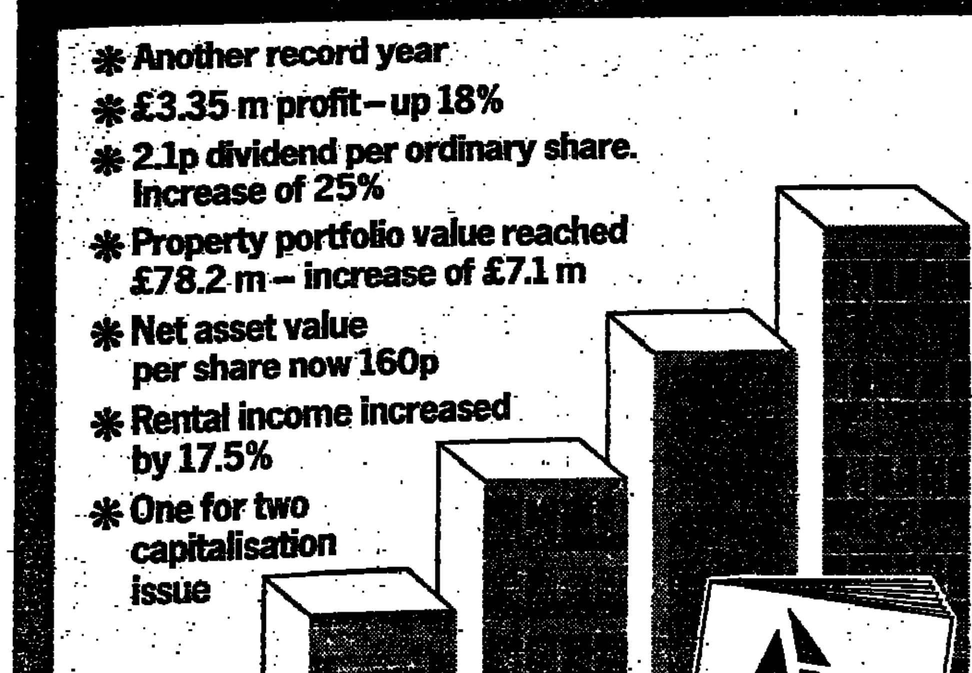

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Index slips as investors mark time

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Shares made a poor start yesterday to the trading account which, many believe, will see the FT 30 share index break through the 1,100 points mark.

After the rousing record breaking activity of the last account there were high hopes that the new trading period would get off to a rip roaring start.

But shuch hopes were soon dashed. Although the market remains confident that further substantial progress will be made this year and at least in the first half of 1986, there was little sign of any exuberance and sentiment was ill-prepared for the headache provided by the **Beecham Group**.

Shares in Pleasurama, the leisure group, gained 13p to 336p yesterday, another peak. Although the company has denied any signs of a bid approach in recent months, the market reckons that a predator is lurking. Bass, Britain's biggest brewer, is tipped as wanting Pleasurama's casinos.

With **Amersham International** offering disappointing figures, the less inspiring results from Beecham would have been tolerable if they had not been accompanied by news of the unexpected departure of Sir Ronald Halstead, chairman.

So Beecham shares, an FT 30 constituent, were drained 33p to 293p and many other blue chip were disconcerted in their wake.

Last night's scheduled speech by the Prim Minister at the Lord Mayor's Banquet and today's Autumn Statement from Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, also prompted some investors to hold off until they had details of the speeches.

So the FT 30 index finished the day 12.2 points down at 1,070.3 points. Although Beecham was te major casualty **Blue Circle Industries**, **Distillers Co.** and **Imperial Group** were among others off colour.

The FT-SE share index also reflected the subdued atmosphere, falling 14.6 points to 1,375.5 points.

Government stocks drifted, slipping up to £⅞.

While share prices on the main lists chopped and changed direction during the day, there was excitement on the USM pitches as **Berkeley Exploration & Praoduction** shot 17p higher to 90p.

Talk in the markets said a bid is on the way for the oil minnow, despite the presence of two large shareholders. Charterhouse Petroleum has 22.32 per cent and **Elf UK**, offshoot of the French oil group, has 27.2 per cent of Berkeley.

At this level the USM-listed company is valued at £16.7 million, though analysts reckon a more likely take-out price is about £27 million. Berkeley has net assets of around 93p a share and potential tax credits which could add more than 60p a share.

Though Charterhouse and Elf are the most obvious bidders for Berkeley, market talk suggested a very different source for an offer. Petranol, the oil group with exploration and production interests in America, was the name bandied around, and its shares benefited from the City chat.

Petranol, which came to the full lists in early 1984, rose 15p to 140p. The 1984 placing price was 125p.

A spokesman for Petranol said there was no truth in the rumours, though market men insist the company is the source of the excitement. Petranol directors were in a board meeting late yesterday.

At Charterhouse, there were denials of any change in its shareholding in Berkeley, though the company is known to be open-minded about its stake in the USM outfit.

Shares of Smith Bros, the jobber, hit a 199p peak yesterday as speculation about possible moves ahead of next year's Big Bang intensified. N M Rothschild, the merchant banker, has 24 per cent of the equity and last month Gartmore Information and General Trust, part of the Exco financial group, emerged as a 5 per cent shareholder. Rumours persist that Rothschils, which has not arranged to buy full control of the jobber, is poised to sell its shareholding to a group which would be prepared to bid for the rest of the capital.

Carterhouse would consider an offer for its shares, and likewise must have in mind the possibility of itself making an offer for Berkeley.

Analysts who wondered if yesterday's price hike for Berkeley was the result of news from drilling projects were told that was not the case, leaving only the market stories of bid and merger action as a reason for the movement.

Elsewhere among oil shares, prices were generally weaker alongside the market trend, and losses of a few pence were registered for **British Petroleum**, **Britoil**, **Burmah Oil**, **Enterprise Oil**, **Shell**, **Tricentrol** and **Ultramar**.

Lasmo shares were also lower, down 6p at 145p, despite news of its first oil find in Colombia. The share price was strong last week on a mixture of market rumours, including takeover talk.

Tate & Lyle, the sugar group, started off in fine form but failed to last the pace and by the close had only a 7p gain at 535p to its credit.

Stores were dull, following the 1.2 per cent October retail sales decline. **Bentalls** remained firm on takeover hopes and mail order stocks were helped a little by a brokers' circular. But in the main the sector was in ragged retreat.

Beers were weak. **Matthew Brown** slipped 3p to 520p ahead of the expected publication today of the Monopolies Commission investment into the bid from **Scottish and Newcastle Breweries**.

If, as most expect, the bid is cleared the shares of other regional breweries, uncertain yesterday, are expected to surge ahead.

The fifth anniversary of the USM was "celebrated" by a champagne reception held by County Bisgood, the jobber which deals in all junior market shares, and a firm performance by newcomer **Ronald Martin Group** which opened at 96p. Shares of the office equipment and stationery group were placed by Panmure Gordon & Co., the broker, at 90p.

The Datastream USM share index was up 0.41 points to 107.61 points. The Datastream calculation, therefore, shows that the USM has, despite its clear success in many directions, lagged sadly behind the main market.

Lucas Industries caused a stir among the motor and engineering companies. Profits and rights issue news sent the shares up to 475p at one stage, though by the end of the day the price was back at 466p, a net gain of 18p.

Pentland Industries, the industrial group headed by Mr Stephen Rubin, is expected to have a cheerful tale to tell when it meets City analysts tomorrow. The shares slipped 5p to 325p yesterday but are in the running to be one of the market's top performers for 1985. Earlier this year they were down to 98p.

Dealers reckoned the main reason for the heavily-discounted rights issue price – 365p – was fear by the group of a takeover bid. The big discount should ensure that the issue goes well and does not leave any loose stock around for a predator to pick up.

With business going so well for Lucas, the shares are also right to buy on fundamentals, say the analysts. All in all, it means the share price still has plenty of mileage in it and predictions of 600p a share for Lucas, made in these columns some weeks ago, look on target.

Avon Rubber and **BBA Group** shared in the market approval of good trading news in the motor industry and Avon rose 8p to 328p, while BBA gained 5p to 141p. BBA announced useful acquisitions yesterday to improve the company's status in the belting supplies business.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
A M S Industries 5p Ord (95)	107–1
Colorgen Com Stk $0.01 (90a)	108
Cont Assets Tst 75p Ord Pdy Pd	54
C P M 5p Ord (125a)	130–1
Cowells 25p Ord (88a)	90–2
Davidson Pearce 10p Ord (160)	170+4
Ealing Electro-optics 5p Ord (95a)	104–2
Electronic Data Proc. 5p Ord (75a)	73
Fairbriar 10p Ord (120)	104
Gibbon Lyons 10p Ord (72a)	68
Hampden Homecare 10p Ord (57a)	63–2
InfraRed $0.10 Com Stk (94a)	86
Just Rubber 10p Ord (62a)	55–1
Martin (Ronald) 10p Ord (90a)	96
Metsec 10p Ord (67a)	69
Questel 10p Ord (180a)	160
Radius 5p Ord (95a)	95+2
St Ives Group 10p Ord (330*)	465
Shandwick 3p Ord (175)	176–2
Underwoods 10p Ord (180*)	201–7
Rights issues	
Com Bank Wales (25) Nil Pd	14 prem
Fisher (Albert) (106) Nil Paid	20 prem–2
Garfunkels Rest (100) Fully Pd	132

Issue price in parentheses, a Unlisted Securities, *by tender.

Traded option highlights

Volume in the traded options market was high again yesterday at 14,116 contracts traded.

The total reflects the generally improved level of business in the City in recent weeks, though much of the day's LTO action was concentrated in a handful of options.

BT registered the biggest volume, at 1,918, and Courtaulds saw 1,668 contracts traded. Beecham chalked up 1,329 and Marks and Spencer 1,351 contracts. There were few significant price changes among options.

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Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the Stock to be admitted to the Official List for quotation in the Gilt-edged market.

The Stock will be available either in registered form, transferable in amounts and multiples of one penny, or, at the option of the holder, in bearer form, represented by bearer bonds which will be available in the denomination of £10,000. Stock in registered form may be exchanged for bearer bonds and vice versa at any time after 21 May, 1986. Renounceable allotment letters (partly paid) in respect of the Stock will be despatched on Wednesday, 20 November, 1985. Certificates in respect of Stock in registered form and bearer bonds in respect of Stock in bearer form will be available on 21 May, 1986 provided the balance of the moneys payable has been duly paid.

The application list will open at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 14 November, 1985 and will close later the same day.

Dated 12 November, 1985

Kingdom of Sweden

Issue by tender of

£100,000,000 Loan Stock 2014

The Minimum Tender Price will be determined on
13 November, 1985 as set out in "Determination of
Minimum Tender Price and Rate of Interest" below.

Payable as to £30 per cent. of the nominal amount on application
and as to the balance of the Allotment Price (as defined below) not later than 30 April, 1986
with interest payable half yearly on 15 March and 15 September.

The issue has been underwritten by

Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited

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County Bank Limited
Hambros Bank Limited
Hill Samuel & Co. Limited
Kleinwort, Benson Limited
Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited
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PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION

Each application for Stock must be made in the form of the tender form provided herewith, should be lodged with National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, P.O. Box 79, 2 Princes Street, London EC2P 2BD, by not later than 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 14 November, 1985 and must comply with the provisions of "Terms of Payment in Respect of Applications" below.

Applications for Stock must be for a minimum of £100 nominal amount of Stock and thereafter for the following multiples of Stock:—

Amount of Stock applied for	*Multiple*
£100 to £2,000	£100
£2,000 to £20,000	£500
£20,000 to £100,000	£1,000
£100,000 or greater..	£25,000

Each application must be for one amount and must state the tender price of the Stock for which application is made. Applications will only be considered for acceptance at the Minimum Tender Price (see "Determination of Minimum Tender Price and Rate of Interest" below) or at a higher price which is an integral multiple of 12½p per £100 nominal amount of Stock. Applicants wishing to tender at the Minimum Tender Price should tick Box A on the Tender Form.

Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited, on behalf of the Kingdom, reserves the right to reject any application and to accept any application in part only. If any application is not accepted the amount paid on application will be returned by post at the risk of the person submitting the application without interest and, if any application is accepted for a smaller amount of Stock than that applied for, the balance of the amount paid on application will be so returned without interest. Pending subscription or return such amounts paid will be held in a separate account.

Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited, on behalf of the Kingdom, will announce the basis of allotment by 9.30 a.m. on Friday, 15 November, 1985. It is expected that confirmation of allotments will be despatched on that day. Acceptances of applications for Stock will be conditional upon, *inter alia*, the Council of The Stock Exchange admitting the Stock to the Official List on or before Wednesday, 20 November, 1985. No applications for Stock will be accepted or, as the case may be, acceptances of applications for Stock will become void, if the Underwriters exercise their right to terminate the Underwriting Agreement if the conditions are not fulfilled (see "General Information—Underwriting Arrangements" below).

TERMS OF PAYMENT IN RESPECT OF APPLICATIONS

Each application, unless made by a recognised Bank or Stockbroker taking advantage of the alternative method of payment described below, must be accompanied by a cheque made payable to "National Westminster Bank PLC" and crossed "Sweden Loan", representing payment at the rate of £30 per cent. of the nominal amount of Stock applied for. Such cheques must be drawn on a branch in the United Kingdom or the Channel Islands of a bank which is either a member of the London or Scottish Clearing Houses or which has arranged for its cheques to be cleared through the facilities provided for the members of those Clearing Houses.

The alternative method of payment is available only to recognised Banks or Stockbrokers who irrevocably undertake in the tender forms lodged by them to pay National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, P.O. Box 79, 2 Princes Street, London EC2P 2BD, for credit to the account designated "Sweden Loan" by 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 20 November, 1985 the amount in Town Clearing Funds representing payment at the rate of £30 per cent. of the nominal amount of Stock in respect of which their applications shall have been accepted.

Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited, on behalf of the Kingdom, reserves the right to instruct National Westminster Bank PLC to retain the relevant allotment letters and to delay the return of surplus application moneys (if any) pending clearance of applicants' remittances.

The balance of the amount payable on any Stock allotted must be paid so as to be cleared on or before 30 April, 1986. Such balance may be paid in advance of its due date but no discount will be allowed or interest paid on such balance for any period prior to 30 April, 1986. Failure to pay such balance when due will render all amounts previously paid liable to forfeiture and the allotment liable to cancellation. Interest at the rate of two per cent. above the base rate from time to time of National Westminster Bank PLC may be charged on such balance if accepted after its due date. The Kingdom further reserves the right, in default of payment of such balance, to sell any such Stock fully paid for its own account.

The expression "recognised Bank or Stockbroker" shall mean any organisation which is a recognised bank for the purposes of the Banking Act 1979 and any firm of stockbrokers which is a member of The Stock Exchange and such other banks or brokers as Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited, on behalf of the Kingdom, shall at its absolute discretion agree for the purposes of the issue.

The expression "Town Clearing Funds" shall mean a cheque or banker's payment for £10,000 or more drawn on a Town Clearing Branch of a bank in the City of London.

DELIVERY

Renounceable allotment letters (partly paid) in respect of Stock allotted will be despatched on Wednesday, 20 November, 1985 by first class post to, and at the risk of, the person submitting the application in accordance with the instructions stated on the tender form.

Allotment letters may be split up to 3.00 p.m. on 28 April, 1986 in accordance with the instructions contained therein into denominations or multiples of £100 nominal amount of Stock in registered form and £10,000 nominal amount of Stock in bearer form.

Unless a duly renounced allotment letter with the registration application form and/or the form of application for Stock in bearer form duly completed is received by National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, P.O. Box 79, 2 Princes Street, London EC2P 2BD, on or before 30 April, 1986, the Stock represented by such allotment letter will, provided it is fully paid, be registered in the name of the original allottee and thereafter Stock in registered form will be transferable only by instrument of transfer.

Allotment letters will provide for Stockholders to elect to take delivery of Stock in bearer rather than registered form. Stock in bearer form will be represented by bearer bonds which will be available in the denomination of £10,000.

Each Stockholder who elects in the allotment letter to receive bearer bonds may elect to receive them in one of the three following ways:

(a) by collection from the offices of National Westminster Bank PLC, Stock Office Services, 20 Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1EJ;

(b) by post at the risk of the applicant. National Westminster Bank PLC will insure any package destined for an address in the United Kingdom provided a cheque payable to National Westminster Bank PLC is enclosed with the allotment letter made out for £5 per £10,000 nominal amount of bearer bonds to be sent (minimum payment £5). Insurance rates for other countries will be quoted on request; or

(c) by delivery to an existing account with Euro-clear or CEDEL S.A.

Bearer bonds are expected to be available for delivery on and after 21 May, 1986.

Stock certificates in respect of Stock in registered form will be despatched to the registered holders (in the case of joint holders to the first named) at their registered addresses by National Westminster Bank PLC on 21 May, 1986. After such date the relevant allotment letters will cease to be valid for any purpose.

No Stock certificate will be issued and no bearer bond will be delivered unless the Stock to be represented thereby is fully paid.

DETERMINATION OF MINIMUM TENDER PRICE AND RATE OF INTEREST

The Minimum Tender Price of the Stock will be determined on the following basis:

At or as soon as possible after 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 13 November, 1985 Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited shall determine the Gross Redemption Yield rounded to three places of decimals (with 0.0005 being rounded upwards) on 13½ per cent. Treasury Stock 2004-08, the price of such Treasury Stock to be the arithmetic mean, rounded to four places of decimals (with 0.00005 being rounded upwards), of the bid and offered prices quoted cum dividend on a dealing basis for settlement on the following business day by three jobbers in the Gilt-edged market. Gross Redemption Yields will be expressed as a percentage and will be calculated on the basis indicated by the Joint Index and Classification Committee of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries as reported in the Journal of the Institute of Actuaries Vol. 105, Part 1, 1978, page 18. The sum of 0.75 per cent. and such Gross Redemption Yield shall be the Gross Redemption Yield used in the determination of the Minimum Tender Price of the Stock (the "Underwriting Yield"). The Minimum Tender Price per £100 nominal amount of Stock and the rate of interest attaching to the Stock shall respectively be such price rounded to the nearest 1p (with ½p being rounded upwards) as shall be nearest to (but not less than) £86 per cent. and such rate of interest, being an integral multiple of ¼ per cent., as would result in the Gross Redemption Yield on the Stock being equal to the Underwriting Yield.

It is intended that the Minimum Tender Price, the rate of interest attaching to the Stock and the Underwriting Yield will be published in the *Financial Times* on Thursday, 14 November, 1985.

DETERMINATION OF ALLOTMENT PRICE AND BASIS OF ALLOTMENT

Applications will be ranked in descending order of price and allotments will be made against applications which are at or above the lowest price at which Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited, on behalf of the Kingdom, decides that any application shall be accepted (the "Allotment Price"), which shall not be less than the Minimum Tender Price. The lowest price at which Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited will decide that applications shall be accepted will be the highest price at or above which applications are received for the total nominal amount of the Stock. All allotments will be made at the Allotment Price. Applications which are accepted and which are made at prices above the Allotment Price will be allotted in full. Applications made at the Allotment Price may be allotted in full or in part only. Successful applicants will be notified by letter to be despatched not later than 15 November, 1985 of the amount of Stock in respect of which their applications have been accepted.

It is intended that the Allotment Price, the basis of allotment, the Gross Redemption Yield at the Allotment Price and the amount of the first interest payment will be published in the *Financial Times* on Friday, 15 November, 1985.

INFORMATION RELATING TO THE STOCK

The issue of the Stock was authorised by a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Riksgäldskontoret (the Swedish National Debt Office), representing the Kingdom, passed on 7 November, 1985 and will be constituted by a Deed Poll to be entered into by the Kingdom. The following is a summary of, and is subject to, the detailed provisions of the Deed Poll, copies of which will be available for inspection at the offices of the Registrar and the paying agents referred to below.

Status

The Stock will be a direct, unconditional and general obligation of the Kingdom and the full faith and credit of the Kingdom will be pledged for the due and punctual payment of the principal and interest in respect of the Stock and for the performance of all obligations of the Kingdom with respect thereto. The Stock will rank *pari passu* with all other unsecured Indebtedness (as that term is defined in the Deed Poll) of the Kingdom from time to time outstanding.

Form

The Stock will be available either in registered form ("Registered Stock") or in bearer form ("Bearer Stock"). On and after 21 May, 1986 and subject as hereinafter provided, Registered Stock may be exchanged in nominal amounts of £10,000 or integral multiples thereof for Stock in bearer form and Bearer Stock may be exchanged for Registered Stock. Bearer Stock will be represented by bearer bonds which will be available in the denomination of £10,000 each (the "Bearer Bonds").

All applications for the exchange of Registered Stock for Bearer Bonds and vice versa shall be made by the holders of Registered Stock or Bearer Bonds, as the case may be, lodging an application for exchange duly completed, in accordance with the instructions printed thereon, at the office of the Exchange Agent referred to below and will be irrevocable.

The initial Exchange Agent and the initial Registrar is National Westminster Bank PLC at Stock Office Services, 20 Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1EJ and Registrar's Department, P.O. Box 82, 37 Broad Street, Bristol BS99 7NH respectively.

The Registered Stock will be transferable in amounts and multiples of one penny by an instrument in writing as if the Stock were a security to which Section 1 of the Stock Transfer Act 1963 of Great Britain applied.

The Bearer Bonds will be transferable by delivery.

Interest

The Stock will bear interest from 20 November, 1985 at a rate per annum to be determined in accordance with "Determination of Minimum Tender Price and Rate of Interest" above. Interest will be payable (less, where applicable, United Kingdom income tax) by equal half yearly instalments on 15 March and 15 September in each year except that the payment of interest in respect of the period from 20 November, 1985 to 15 September, 1986 will be made on 15 September, 1986 and will be calculated using the following formula:

$$£I = \left(\frac{161}{365} \times \frac{30}{P} \times R\right) + \left(\frac{138}{365} \times R\right)$$

where £I is the first payment of interest on £100 nominal amount of Stock;

R is the percentage rate of interest attaching to the Stock; and

P is the Allotment Price.

Interest will cease to accrue on the Stock on the due date for redemption thereof unless payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused.

In respect of repayments of principal of, and payments of interest on, Bearer Bonds, the Kingdom will at all times maintain a paying agent in London and in at least one country in continental Western Europe.

Redemption and Purchase

The Kingdom will redeem the Stock at par on 15 September, 2014.

The Kingdom may at any time purchase Stock on The Stock Exchange or by tender (available to all Stockholders alike) or by private treaty but not otherwise. In the case of purchases on The Stock Exchange or by tender, the price, exclusive of expenses and accrued interest, will not exceed the average of the middle market quotations of the Stock taken from The Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the ten business days before the purchase is made or, in the case of a purchase on The Stock Exchange, the market price provided that it is not more than five per cent. above such average. In the case of purchases by private treaty, the price, exclusive of expenses and accrued interest, will not exceed 120 per cent. of the middle market quotation of the Stock on The Stock Exchange (or, failing such quotation, on such other stock exchange or securities market on which the Stock is listed for the time being) at the close of business on the last dealing day preceding the date of purchase. The Kingdom will be entitled to hold and deal with Stock purchased in accordance with the terms of this paragraph and such Stock may be cancelled or not as the Kingdom thinks fit.

Modification of Rights

The conditions of the Stock, the provisions of the Deed Poll and the rights of the Stockholders are subject to modification by Extraordinary Resolution of the Stockholders as provided in the Deed Poll.

Further Issues

The Kingdom may from time to time without the consent of Stockholders create and issue further stock (whether in bearer or registered form) either ranking *pari passu* in all respects with the Stock or in all respects save for the amount of and/or the date of payment of the first payment of interest thereon, and so that the same shall form a single series with the Stock.

Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Waiver of Immunity

The conditions of the Stock and the provisions of the Deed Poll will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England except with respect to their authorisation and execution by and on behalf of the Kingdom and any other matters required to be governed by the laws of the Kingdom. The Kingdom will irrevocably agree that any proceedings arising out of or in connection with the Stock may be brought in the English courts or in any competent court in the Kingdom and will submit to the jurisdiction of, and, to the extent that it is legally able to do so, will waive irrevocably any immunity to which it might otherwise be entitled in proceedings brought in, each such court.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds to be received by the Kingdom from the issue of the Stock will initially be added to the Kingdom's foreign exchange reserves with the Sveriges Riksbank (the Swedish Central Bank) and the kronor equivalent will be credited to Riksgäldskontoret.

STOCK EXCHANGE DEALING

The Stock in both registered and bearer form will be dealt in on The Stock Exchange in the Gilt-edged market. The Stock will normally be traded for settlement and delivery on the working day after the date of the transaction. The price of the Stock will be quoted inclusive of accrued interest. However, with effect from 10 February, 1986 the price of the Stock will be quoted exclusive of accrued interest.

It is expected that dealings on The Stock Exchange will begin on Friday, 15 November, 1985 for deferred settlement on Thursday, 21 November, 1985.

UNITED KINGDOM TAXATION

The statements below are based on current law and practice in the United Kingdom. They are general in nature, apply only to persons who are the beneficial owners of Stock and may not apply to certain classes of taxpayer (such as dealers). Persons who may be subject to tax in other jurisdictions or who are in any doubt as to their tax position should consult their professional advisers.

United Kingdom income tax at the basic rate (currently 30 per cent.) will be deducted from interest paid on Registered Stock. Holders of Registered Stock who are not resident in the United Kingdom for tax purposes may apply for exemption from this tax by sending a form A3 to the Inspector of Foreign Dividends.

Such income tax will also be deducted from interest paid on Bearer Bonds by paying agents in the United Kingdom except where a declaration can be made, in the form required by the Inland Revenue, that the holder is the beneficial owner of the interest and of the Bearer Bond and is not resident in the United Kingdom for tax purposes and provided the interest is not deemed to be the income of a resident of the United Kingdom for tax purposes.

There are certain exceptions to the above where interest is paid to banks carrying on a bona fide banking business in the United Kingdom or where interest on Registered Stock is paid directly to an address abroad.

Paying agents outside the United Kingdom will not deduct United Kingdom income tax from interest on the Bearer Bonds. However, where any person in the United Kingdom obtains payment of interest on the Bearer Bonds on behalf of the holder, that person will deduct United Kingdom income tax except where a declaration can be made, in the form required by the Inland Revenue, that the holder is the beneficial owner of the interest and of the Bearer Bond and is not resident in the United Kingdom for tax purposes and provided the interest is not deemed to be the income of a resident of the United Kingdom for tax purposes.

The Stock will be a qualifying corporate bond for the purposes of United Kingdom tax on capital gains. Under the Finance Act 1985, no gain or loss for the purposes of such tax will be realised on any disposal of the Stock on or after 2 July, 1986, and no indexation allowance will be given on any disposal of the Stock effected before that date.

The Stock will not be a deep discount security within the meaning of Section 36 of the Finance Act 1984 for the purposes of United Kingdom tax on income. Notwithstanding that the Allotment Price of the Stock may be below its nominal value, no part of that nominal value paid on redemption of the Stock pursuant to the paragraph headed "Redemption and Purchase" under "Information Relating to the Stock" above will be treated as subject to United Kingdom tax as income. On a disposal of the Stock (including any disposal on a purchase made by the Kingdom pursuant to the paragraph headed "Redemption and Purchase" under "Information Relating to the Stock" above), it follows that no part of the disposal proceeds received will be treated as subject to tax as income (save for any amount which the new rules introduced by the Finance Act 1985 may treat as representing interest accrued on the Stock in the interest period when the disposal takes place).

CURRENT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE KINGDOM

Economic Developments and Policy

Sweden's gross domestic product (GDP) increased in 1984 by 3.4 per cent. at constant prices. This acceleration in growth from 1983, when GDP rose by 2.5 per cent., primarily reflected some resumption of growth in domestic demand after its depressed state in the preceding year, while exports continued to increase at a rapid, although somewhat declining, rate. The current account showed a surplus in 1984 of Skr 3.3 billion (0.4 per cent. of GDP), the first such surplus since 1973. In 1984 the balance of trade had a surplus of Skr 23.3 billion.

In the beginning of 1985, however, Sweden experienced a deterioration in its current account and trade balances. During the first six months of 1985 the balance of payments on current account had an estimated deficit of about Skr 9.6 billion and the balance of trade an estimated surplus of Skr 5.5 billion, compared to a current account surplus of Skr 5.4 billion and a balance of trade surplus of Skr 15.1 billion in the first six months of 1984. These developments were primarily attributable to an increase in imports, resulting from strong growth in private consumption and investment.

No Government forecast for the current year has been published since April. In October 1985 the Swedish National Institute of Economic Research, an independent public agency (the "Institute"), presented its customary Autumn report. The report forecasts that in the second half of 1985 domestic demand will decline somewhat, particularly private consumption which was earlier in the year financed to an unusually high degree by reduced savings. The Institute expects that aggregate investment activity will level off, following an anticipated decline in residential construction, although business investment is expected to continue to increase. As a consequence, the Institute forecasts a decline in total imports and an increase in export growth in the second half compared to the first half of 1985, resulting in a small current account deficit for the second half of 1985.

The Institute's report predicts that GDP will increase by 2.5 per cent. for the full calender year 1985. The growth in GDP is expected to come from domestic demand, primarily increased capital investment. The current account deficit for 1985 is estimated at Skr 11.5 billion, about 1.3 per cent. of GDP. The consumer price index is expected to increase by 5.6 per cent. during 1985, compared to 8.2 per cent. during 1984 and 9.3 per cent. during 1983. During the first nine months of 1985, the consumer price index rose by 3.9 per cent. The Institute estimates that hourly wages will rise during 1985 by about 7 per cent. on average and about 8 per cent. in the manufacturing sector.

The Central Government budget deficit for fiscal 1984/85 amounted to Skr 69.1 billion and it has declined substantially during the last two years. The National Audit Bureau recently estimated that the Central Government budget deficit for fiscal 1985/86 will be Skr 53 billion, which is Skr 8 billion less than the Government's estimate made in April 1985. The reduction in the estimated deficit is attributable to larger tax revenues following increased real domestic growth.

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The deterioration in the current account and trade balance in early 1985 led to additional economic policy measures announced on 13 May. The monetary measures adopted by the Riksbank included an increase in key interest rates and tighter restrictions on lending by credit institutions. The discount rate was raised from 9.5 per cent. to 11.5 per cent. and the penalty rate (applicable to borrowings by banks from the Riksbank in excess of one-quarter of a bank's capital) was raised from 13.5 per cent. to 16 per cent. The ceiling on annual aggregate loan growth of banks and finance companies was lowered from 4 per cent. to 2 per cent. for 1985, implying substantial limitations on credit expansion for the balance of 1985.

The Government also adopted fiscal policy measures including restrictions on consumer credit purchases, higher taxes on new car purchases and higher stamp duties on real estate mortgages. In addition the Government announced a postponement of Central Government purchases amounting to Skr 1 billion. Corporate liquidity was restricted by requiring companies to deposit in August 1985 an amount equal to 6 per cent. of their total annual wage payments in excess of Skr 20 million in an interest bearing account in the Riksbank. In January 1986 a similar deposit of an amount equal to 4 per cent. will be required. These amounts will be kept in the account until 31 March, 1988.

As a result of a substantial inflow of foreign currency during the period following the adoption of the 13 May monetary measures, the Riksbank decided to lower key interest rates on 12 July, 1985 and reduced the discount rate to 10.5 per cent. and the penalty rate to 15 per cent. On 24 October the penalty rate was lowered further to 14 per cent. Also, certain consumer credit restrictions have been lifted.

Following the improvement in the inflation rate, a price freeze imposed in March 1985 was lifted sector by sector and was abolished completely on 19 October, 1985.

A general election of members to the Riksdag (Parliament) was held on 15 September, 1985. Following the general election, Mr. Olof Palme commenced a new term as Prime Minister and formed a Social Democratic Government. In its first declaration before the new Riksdag, the Government reaffirmed its intention to strengthen the Swedish economy by a continuation of the same economic strategy it has pursued in recent years. The Government stated that the reduction of inflation should proceed and that costs and prices in Sweden should not be permitted to increase faster than in the major competing countries. According to the declaration, one necessary prerequisite is that all parties involved in the forthcoming wage negotiations respect this restriction. The Government also stated that a tight fiscal policy is another essential prerequisite for reducing inflation.

Public Debt

At 30 September, 1985, the total debt of the State amounted to Skr 574.2 billion*, of which Skr 417.6 billion* was funded debt and Skr 156.6 billion* was floating debt. Of the total debt, Skr 430.6 billion was internal debt and Skr 143.6 billion was external debt. In addition, the State had undrawn commitments for external credit totalling US$ 5 billion at 30 September, 1985.

Public Debt(1)

	Funded Debt(2)			Floating Debt(2)			Total Debt(3)
	Internal	External(3)	Total(3)	Internal	External(3)	Total(3)	
				(in millions of Skr)			
31 Dec. 1980	136,246	42,954	179,200	51,045	—	51,045	230,245
1981	189,078	61,319	250,397	54,880	—	54,880	305,277
1982	218,980	99,401	318,381	86,300	—	86,300	404,681
1983	310,843	125,832	436,675	51,748	—	51,748	488,423
1984	330,511	130,147	460,658	94,981	5,546	100,527	561,185
30 Sep. 1985	282,710	134,850	417,560	147,894	8,706	156,600	574,160

(1) Such debt does not include debt of State-owned companies or local authorities.

(2) Funded debt consists of debt which matures one year or more from the date of incurrence. Debt with a maturity of 360 days is considered as one year debt. Floating debt consists of debt which matures less than one year from the date of incurrence or which is payable on demand or on less than one year's notice by the holder of such debt.

(3) Translations of amounts in foreign currencies to amounts in Skr have been made at exchange rates in effect on the dates shown.

In addition to debt issued directly by Riksgäldskontoret, the Swedish Board of Telecommunications, a Central Government agency, has been authorised to issue debt on the domestic Swedish capital market. At 30 June, 1985, the total debt issued by it amounted to Skr 3.2 billion.

As of 31 December, 1984, the State had guaranteed an aggregate of Skr 65.6 billion of internal debt and the equivalent of Skr 29.9 billion** of external debt.

* Translated at exchange rates in effect on 30 September, 1985.

** Translated at exchange rates in effect on 31 December, 1984.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Underwriting Arrangements

By an Underwriting Agreement dated 11 November, 1985, Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited, Baring Brothers & Co., Limited, County Bank Limited, Hambros Bank Limited, Hill Samuel & Co. Limited, Kleinwort, Benson Limited, Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited, J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited and S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd. (the "Underwriters") have agreed with the Kingdom to underwrite the issue of the Stock on the basis that if applications are received for less than the total nominal amount of the Stock at or above the Minimum Tender Price, the Stock will be issued at the Minimum Tender Price and the amount of Stock for which applications are not so received will be allotted to the Underwriters. The Underwriting Agreement is subject to certain conditions and Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited, on behalf of the Underwriters, may terminate the Underwriting Agreement if such conditions are not fulfilled. If the Underwriting Agreement is so terminated, no applications for the Stock will be accepted or, as the case may be, acceptances of applications for the Stock will become void.

The Kingdom has agreed to pay to the Underwriters commissions aggregating 125p per £100 of Stock for their services as managers and underwriters of the issue out of which will be paid commissions to the brokers to the issue, Hoare Govett Limited, W. Greenwell & Co. and Rowe & Pitman, and certain other persons who have accepted sub-underwriting participations in respect of the issue of the Stock. The Kingdom will also pay brokerage of 12½p per £100 of Stock to recognised Banks or Stockbrokers on allotments made in respect of applications on tender forms bearing their stamp; this commission will not, however, be paid in respect of any allotment which arises out of an underwriting commitment. The total expenses of the issue (including the above-mentioned commissions but excluding brokerage) are estimated to amount to about £1,360,000 and are payable by the Kingdom.

General

Euro-clear and CEDEL S.A. have accepted the Bearer Bonds for clearance under code nos. 14867 (Euro-clear) and 154946 (CEDEL).

Under present legislation both Registered Stock and Bearer Bonds are transferable free from United Kingdom Stamp Duty.

The Stock is not an investment falling within the First Schedule to the Trustee Investments Act 1961.

Documents for Inspection

Copies of the following documents will be available for inspection at the offices of Slaughter and May, 35 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DB during normal business hours until 27 November, 1985:—

(i) the Underwriting Agreement referred to above;
(ii) a draft, subject to modification, of the Deed Poll referred to above;
(iii) page 18 of the Journal of the Institute of Actuaries Vol. 105, Part 1, 1978; and
(iv) certified translations of extracts from the following Statutes pursuant to which the Stock is to be issued: the Constitution Act (Swedish Code of Statutes 1974: 152) and the Act on the Swedish National Debt Office (Swedish Code of Statutes 1982: 1158).

Additional Copies

Copies of the Prospectus and the tender form can be obtained from:—

Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited
New Issue Department, 21 Austin Friars, London EC2N 2HB

Hoare Govett Limited
Heron House,
319-325 High Holborn, London WC1V 7PB
and
The Stock Exchange

W. Greenwell & Co.
Bow Bells House, Bread Street, London EC4M 9EL
and
The Stock Exchange

Rowe & Pitman
1 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA
and
The Stock Exchange

National Westminster Bank PLC
New Issues Department, P.O. Box 79, 2 Princes Street, London EC2P 2BD
208 Piccadilly, London W1A 2DG
80 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 3DZ
14 Blythswood Square, Glasgow G2 4AQ

TENDER FORM

The application list will open at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 14 November, 1985 and will close later the same day. This form should be lodged with National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, P.O. Box 79, 2 Princes Street, London EC2P 2BD by not later than such time.

Kingdom of Sweden

ISSUE BY TENDER OF £100,000,000 LOAN STOCK 2014

Payable as follows: On application: £30 per cent. of the nominal amount.
On or before 30 April, 1986: the balance of the Allotment Price.

To Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited on behalf of the Kingdom of Sweden:

In accordance with the terms of the Prospectus dated 12 November, 1985, I/we apply as below. I/We undertake to accept the amount of Stock applied for or any less amount that may be allotted in respect of this application and to pay for the same in conformity with the terms of the said Prospectus.

Nominal amount of the Stock applied for	Amount enclosed at £30 per cent. of the nominal amount applied for	TENDER PRICE*	Box A*
£	£	£ : p	

*The price tendered per £100 nominal amount of Stock must be an integral multiple of 12½p unless application is at the Minimum Tender Price to be determined on 13 November, 1985 in which case applicants should tick box A.

Applications which are not at or above the Minimum Tender Price will not be considered for acceptance.

Note (i) Applications at different prices must be made on separate Tender Forms and a separate remittance must accompany each Tender Form.
(ii) Applications must be for a minimum of £100 nominal amount of Stock and thereafter for the following multiples of Stock:

Amount of Stock applied for	Multiple	Amount of Stock applied for	Multiple
£100 — £2,000	£100	£20,000 — £100,000	£1,000
£2,000 — £20,000	£500	£100,000 or greater	£25,000

I/We enclose a cheque drawn on a branch in the United Kingdom or the Channel Islands of a bank which is either a member of the London or Scottish Clearing Houses or which has arranged for its cheques to be cleared through the facilities provided for the members of those Clearing Houses made payable to "National Westminster Bank PLC" and crossed "Sweden Loan" representing payment at the rate of £30 per cent. for the above mentioned nominal amount of Stock. I/We agree, as a collateral contract and in consideration of the Kingdom not allotting any Stock other than in accordance with the said Prospectus, that this application shall be irrevocable. I/We agree that completion and delivery of this Tender Form accompanied by my/our cheque constitutes a representation by me/us that the same will be honoured on first presentation. I/We hereby undertake to pay the balance payable on the Stock by 30 April, 1986 on any allotment made to me/us in respect of this application and I/we acknowledge that failure to pay such balance by the due date will render the amount previously paid liable to forfeiture and the allotment liable to cancellation. I/We acknowledge that any allotment letter to be sent to me/us and (if appropriate) the remittance for any application moneys returnable to me/us is liable to be held pending clearance of such cheque.

I/We hereby request that any Stock allotted to me/us:

(Delete box B or C as appropriate)

Box B
Be evidenced by an allotment letter addressed to me/us and be sent by post at my/our risk at the first address shown below.

Box C (For persons with a Euro-clear account only)
Be evidenced by a global allotment letter addressed to Euro-clear and that our participation therein (in a minimum amount of £10,000 nominal and integral multiples thereof) be credited to our existing securities account at:
EURO-CLEAR A/c No.

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2. Amount of Stock accepted
3. Amount received on application £
4. Amount payable on Stock accepted £
5. Amount returned £
6. Balance payable £
7. A.L. No.
8. Cheque No.

Please pin cheque here.

Date............November, 1985

(1) Usual Signature..

Please use BLOCK LETTERS

MR./MRS. MISS OR TITLE	FORENAME(S) IN FULL	SURNAME
FULL POSTAL ADDRESS:—		
POST-TOWN	COUNTY	POSTCODE

Joint Applicants (if any):
In the case of joint applicants, all must sign and, in the case of a corporation, this form must be signed under hand by an authorised official who should state his capacity.

(2) Usual Signature..
Forenames..
Surname..
(also state designation: Mr., Mrs., Miss or title)
Address in full..
....

(3) Usual Signature..
Forenames..
Surname..
(also state designation: Mr., Mrs., Miss or title)
Address in full..
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(4) Usual Signature..
Forenames..
Surname..
(also state designation: Mr., Mrs., Miss or title)
Address in full..
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ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF PAYMENT

(This method of payment is available only to recognised Banks or Stockbrokers as described in the Prospectus).

We hereby irrevocably undertake to pay National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, P.O. Box 79, 2 Princes Street, London EC2P 2BD for credit to the account designated "Sweden Loan" by 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 20 November, 1985 the amount in Town Clearing Funds representing payment at the rate of £30 per cent. for the Stock allotted to the person(s) named above in respect of this application.

NAME OF BANK OR BROKER		
FULL POSTAL ADDRESS:—		
POST-TOWN	COUNTY	POSTCODE

Authorised Signature..

Date..............................November, 1985

Stamp of bank or broker claiming brokerage (if any)	A. L. Number	Stock Allotted

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **TIGER OATS:** For the year to Sept 30, with figures in millions of rand, turnover was 2,795 (2,055.5), while the pretax profit was 169.5 (£46 million). Earnings per share were 693 cents (568 cents). A final dividend of 140 cents (115 cents) is being paid on Jan 14, making a total of 230 cents (180 cents).

LONDON & PROVINCIAL SHOP CENTRES: For the year to June 24, with figures in £000, gross rental income was 4,167 (3,972), while the pretax profit was 2,160 (2,027). Earnings per share were 11.38p (10.35p). A final dividend of 2.6p (3p) is being paid, making a total of 4.6p (4p).

● **NORTH ATLANTIC SECURITIES:** For the year to Sept 30, with figures in £000, gross revenue was 1,774 (1,703), while the pretax revenue was 1,163 (1,240). Earnings per share were 3.61p (3.64p). A final dividend of 2.4p (2.2p) is being paid, making a total of 3.4p (3.2p).

● **LONDON ENTERTAINMENTS:** For the year to Aug 31, with figures in £000, turnover was 3 (5), while the pretax profit was 186 (422). Earnings per share were 3.54p (8.04p). A final dividend of 2.33p (2.12p) is being paid making a total of 2.33p (2.12p).

● **PCT GROUP:** For the half-year to June 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 4,274 (4,459), while the pretax profit was 167 (415). Earnings per share were 3.5p (6.7p). An interim dividend of 1.6p (1.6p) is being paid on Dec. 27.

● **JERSEY ELECTRICITY:** For the half-year to June 30, with figures in £000, gross revenue was 12,570 (10,662), while the pretax profit was 641 (1,931).

● **CASTLE (GB):** For the year to July 26, with figures in £000, turnover was 15,744 (16,323), while the pretax loss was 2,235 (profit, 1,462), loss per share was 16.75p (profit, 9.91p). No dividend is being paid (2.9p).

● **AQUASCUTUM:** For the half-year to July 31, with figures in £000, turnover was 16,336 (13,020), while the pretax profit was 445 (242). Earnings per share were 1.19p (0.72p). An interim dividend of 0.8p (0.75p) is being paid on Jan. 6.

● **BBA GROUP:** The company is acquiring the fixed assets, stock, work-in-progress and uncompleted contracts of the solid woven belting business of Unlop of Liverpool. The price is expected to be £1.65 million, but the final figure will be determined on completion. BBA has also purchased the fixed assets and stocks of Beral France, from the receiver of Beral, for £289,000.

● **BLUE CIRCLE HOLDINGS:** The company is to by Williams Bros. of the US for $90 million (£63 million) in cash, subject to the approval of Williams' shareholders and the US government. Williams Bros, is a private company based in Georgia, with substantial interests in ready-mix concrete, concrete block production and building materials.

● **NORMANS GROUP:** The group is to buy the freehold reversion of its retail warehouse at Hove, East Sussex, from Surelodge Investments for £1.65 million.

● **LAPORTE INDUSTRIES:** The company has acquired Aquateck Marketing of Newbury, Berkshire, a supplier of equipment, acccessories and chemicals for swimmong pools and spas and Spaform Ltd, a manufacturer and distributor of acrylic spas and fibre glass swimming pool equipment. The price for the two will be £2 million and there will be an additional performance-related consideration in 1987, which will not exceed £1 million.

● **REED PUBLISHING HOLDINGS:** For the half-year to Sept. 29, with figures in millions of pounds, turnover was 208.5 (265.5), while the pretax profit was 17.3 (18.6). Earnings per share were 8.4p (8p). The company is a subsidiary of Reed International.

● **AVANA GROUP:** For the half-year to Sept. 28, with figures in £000, turnover was 97,110 (91,466), while the pretax profit was 8,270 (7,708). Earnings per share were 15.43p (13.3p). An interim dividend of 5 (4.5p) is being paid on April 7.

● **AUTHORITY INVESTMENTS:** For the year to April 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 2,512 (4,259), while the pretax loss was 2,601 (423 profit). Loss per share were 52p (earnings, 8.32). No dividend is being paid (same).

● **BUSINESS MORTGAGES TRUST:** For the half-year to Sept. 30, with figures in £000, operating income was 7,877 (5,687), while the pretax profit was 1,143 (818). Earnings per share were 5.06p (3.63p). An interim dividend of 0.75p (as forecast) is being paid.

● **NEW CAVENDISH ESTATES:** For the year to June 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 860 (752), while the pretax profit was 99 (69). Earnings per share were 2.59p (1.43p). A final dividend of 1.2p (1.2p) is being paid, making a total of 1.2p (1.2p).

● **BLACKWOOD HODGE (CANADA):** The company, which is 74 per cent owned by Blackwood Hodge, reports pretax profits up from Can $1.05 million to Can $2.16 million (£1.1 million) for the first nine months of 1985. Turnover rose from Can $74.28 million to Can $83.84 million.

● **PHILIPS LAMPS:** The company has filed a registration statement in the US for a public offering of 8.75 million common shares. After the offering, Philips will have about 224 million common shares outstanding. Philips will use the proceeds for general corporate purposes.

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COMMODITIES REVIEW

How LME took tin crisis beyond point of no return

The die is cast. Tin trading will resume on Monday. The International Tin Council is expected to continue its ponderous deliberations, and chaos seems inevitable.

It is a sorry mess, and nobody can claim much credit for trying to clear it up.

Indeed, so badly has the situation deteriorated that some fear things could get worse. Talk of an impending disaster is already out of date. The disaster has happened. It matters little what the London Metal Exchange proposes tomorrow as a way of reopening the tin market. The damage has been done.

The International Tin Agreement as an effective price regulator is dead, and the blow to the LME, as constituted, has been or should be mortal.

Apportioning blame is now pointless. The ITC and the banks believe that the LME has made a serious mistake by deciding unilaterally when and how to resume tin trading. Since the ITC is an international bureaucracy composed of members with conflicting interests, its decision-making is unlikely to be hastened by the LME action.

If it is correct that the weight of opinion in the ITC still favours an orderly winding down of the buffer stock and its £800 million of commitments, by acting without agreement on how the winding down is to be done, the LME risks sacrificing the only rational way out.

The banks are annoyed because they fear for the value of their collateral in the buffer stock. But they also think that the LME should have given the ITC more time to respond to the banks' proposals for an orderly resumption of trading.

As the group at the end of the debt chain, the banks have an interest in the welfare of both the ITC and the LME, whereas it cannot honestly be said that either of the last two feel excessively sentimental towards each other.

So far, however, there is no sign of the machinery necessary to establish proper tripartite discussions among the banks, the LME and the ITC. If the authorities have failed, this is the most obvious area.

The Government and the Bank of England might not be able to resolve the crisis – much as they would love to do so – but they could provide their good offices for such discussions. Either they have not, or the offer has been declined.

In any event, the LME might well have decided on the same course. There has been a strong faction favouring a quick resumption of trading from the beginning.

Not everyone is long to the market, and some brokers and their clients undoubtedly stand to gain from lower tin prices. The financial pressures on the longs, moreover, are intense, and the LME authorities have become almost obsessed with the danger of losing not just tin – which at a pinch is dispensible – but copper and other more lucrative contracts.

Public appeals to the Prime Minister certainly heightened the drama, but they may not have aided reason.

There is an argument for the LME reconsidering swallowing its pride and waiting until the outcome of the ITC discussions is known.

A positive approach to the banks from the LME along those lines might still elicit the essential support which stretched brokers need. But the LME has little time for the ITC after the failure of last week's council meeting.

When the full dismal history of the crisis is written, that meeting may be seen as the turning point. The meeting was called by the British, who miscalculated badly the chances of a positive result.

On the assumption that the LME will proceed as promised, what will happen? In the short term there will be price chaos. Devices to break the fall may slow the descent; they may even prevent the price from temporarily crashing out of sight. But they will not stop the fall completely.

Sufficient parents of brokers have now declared their willingness to stand by their subsidiaries for us to be reasonably confident that the number of immediate casualties will be small.

But it is impossible to predict the longer-term consequences. The utter absorption of the LME with tin may too easily damage the other contracts. Traders around the world will be understandably cautious about using the exchange.

The LME's gamble is that opening will damage the market less than staying closed. It is not quite a counsel of despair, but it is certainly not the "soft landing" for which everyone hoped.

It is the kind of disorder the ITC and the banks hate. Calculating members' obligations and winding down the buffer stock would be difficult enough in a normal market. To attempt it without sensible pricing, perhaps in a wildly fluctuating market, could be impossible.

The banks similarly will have no reliable way of valuing their collateral. The temptation for the ITC to unload its 63,000 tonnes and the banks to call in their loans may be greater than either can resist. And that would pile castastrophe on disaster.

Michael Prest

Buy-out proposed at English Estates

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

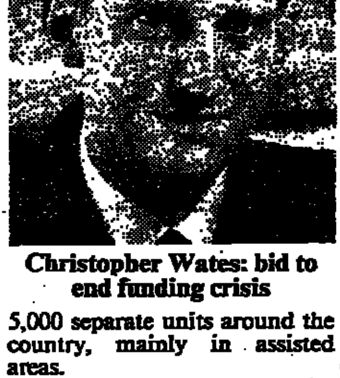
English Estates, the Government's advance factories building arm based at Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, will attempt to find ways out of its funding crisis at a meeting next Monday with Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. One option will be a management buy-out.

The buy-out, with anticipated City backing, would take English Estates out of the increasing constrictions of public sector funding. The agency is already faced with a £20 million drop in funding this year, with the prospect of about the same shortfall over the next three years, even though targeted total expenditure is likely to be trimmed.

The idea is that if Mr Brittan agreed to the buy-out plan, English Estates would continue to carry out government work on advance factories and other units such as office accomodation work for the Development Commission in rural areas for which it receives funding of around £15 million a year. There is no cutback in prospect on this work.

The buy-out plan will be put to Mr Brittan by Mr Christopher Wates, chairman of English Estates who is also chief executive of Wates the builders, and Mr Tony Pender, chief executive at English Estates.

A buy-out would produce a substantial capital amount for the Government. English Estates' property portfolio runs to some 24 million square feet in 5,000 separate units around the country, mainly in assisted areas.



Christopher Wates: bid to end funding crisis

Problems first arose for English Estates towards the end of last year when its projected spending was cut. It had been working on expenditure for this year of £42 million with another £10 million to be met separately for development of the 300-acre Chatham dockyard site in Kennt, the agency's first large project outside an assisted area.

Then it was told that total spending, including that at Chatham, would have to come down to £32 million.

Mr Pender said: "The indications are that we are going to get about £25 million in each of the next three financial years, including Chatham spending, when we would need about £45 million".

The agency has already brought in a moratorium on new development.

Exporters cool on barter idea

By Cliff Feltham

Exporters have given a cool reception to a Department of Trade and Industry offer to help them win orders by organizing barter deals.

Mr Paul Channon, Minister for Trade, was keen to give backing to a semi-government body which would help make it easier for companies to share in the fast growing business of countertrade.

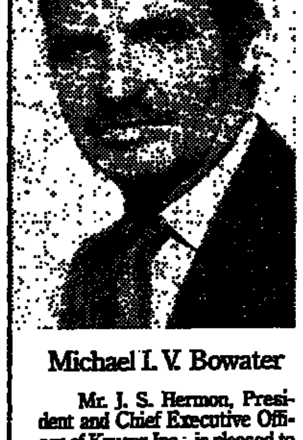
But a department official has admitted: "The idea has fallen by the wayside. We had very little response from industry. They seem to think they are getting enough assistance already from consultancies specializing in countertrade deals."

The Government has always had misgivings about countertrade, preferring conventional transactions, but it has noted the rapid growth of swap arrangents.

It is aware, too, that countries such as the United States and Canada and European nations such as Holland, Sweden, France and West Germany are providing various forms of official backing and guidance

A specialist at one foreign bank in London expressed surprise that the department had dropped its initiative.

He said: "However the Government hasn't taken a particularly positive attitude so far. We would certainly like to see more action from them – the French and United States authorities are very active in setting up barter deals particularly for military hardware."



Michael I. V. Bowater

Mr. J. S. Hermon, President and Chief Executive Officer of Kruger Inc., is pleased to announce that, effective October 1, 1985, Mr. Michael I. V. Bowater assumed the position of President, Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Export Sales Limited as well as Vice-President, Kruger Pulp and Paper Sales Inc., New York.

Recently Kruger Inc. of Montréal purchased the Corner Brook mill, Newfoundland from Bowater Incorporated.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Bowater held senior management positions in the newsprint industry in the United Kingdom, the United States and in the export market.

Kruger Pulp and Paper Sales, Inc.

TOTAL

TOTAL COMPAGNIE FRANÇAISE DES PÉTROLES

Consolidated financial position for first half 1985

At its meeting on November 6, 1985, the Board of Directors of TOTAL COMPAGNIE FRANÇAISE DES PÉTROLES examined the financial position of the TOTAL GROUP at June 30, 1985. (Figures given in millions of francs):

	1st Half 1985	1984	1st Half 1984
Sales	93,049	158,778	81,007
Cash Flow	4,708	8,718	4,510
Net Income	1,335	1,307	1,237
—Group Share	1,185	1,708	1,317
—Minority Interests	150	−401	−80
Inventory Effect (estimated)	−200	1,400	400
Cash Flow excluding Inventory Effect	4,908	7,318	4,110

Improved cash flow is mainly attributable to the production side and to international oil and gas trading. For slightly increased tonnage, these enjoyed bigger margins as expressed in French francs, particularly because of the high average dollar rate during this period. The refining-marketing sector continued to show an overall deficit, despite a sharp recovery in the position of the refining-marketing branch of the North American subsidiary TOP(NA).

The fall in the dollar parity at the end of this half resulted in a negative inventory effect estimated at F200 million, in contrast to the positive inventory effects recorded in recent years.

The Group's gross investments amounted to F5,560 million against F9,808 million for 1984 as a whole. Nearly two-thirds of these investments were made in the exploration-production sector.

The Group's consolidated balance sheet shows a long-term debt ratio which has remained stable at 0.28.

It should be noted that during the first half of 1985, the Group benefited from various non-recurring items, and notably from exceptional profits of F356 million corresponding mainly to capital gains resulting from disposal of assets.

Moreover, should the steep fall in the dollar be maintained until year-end, a substantial negative inventory effect will result which will worsen the financial position of the Group's refining-marketing subsidiaries. Under the conditions currently prevailing, it may be thought that these negative inventory effects should be offset by current operating income in the second half, so that the book result for the year as a whole should not be significantly different from that at June 30, 1985.

The susceptibility of the Group's results to large-scale fluctuations in parities and crude prices is such however that, at this period of the year, one should remain cautious as regards an estimation of the consolidated results for 1985 as a whole.

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28	Geat SR	
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30	Wigfall (Henry)	
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31	Helical Bar	
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

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1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
445	380	Brown Shipley	415	..	13.2	3.2	17.9
548	485	Cater Allen	483	..	41.8	8.9	11.3
40¾	23¼	Cattles	39	−1	2.5	6.0	13.3
60¼	34 11/16	Chase Manhattan	£41 11/16	● −1/16	384	8.7	..
42 13/16	27¼	Citicorp	£30⅞	● −⅛	206	6.7	..
72	35	Clive	35	● ..	1.3	3.6	6.4
41	27	Com Bank Wales	39	r ..	..	..	..
75¼	42¾	Commerzbank	£73¼	..	6.0	0.1	..
196½	104½	Deutsche Bank	£191½	−½	1200	6.3	..
179	74½	First Nat Finance	174	+2	..	..	12.3
372	292	Gerrard Nat	292	● −2	18.9	6.5	17.0
80	55	Guinness Peat	74	..	2.6	3.5	13.0
183	131	Hambros	189	−2	9.3	4.9	15.7
27	12½	Do (50p)	£24	..	92.9	3.9	20.1
371	273	Hill Samuel	358	−6	17.0	4.7	9.4
99	61½	HK Shanghai	70	..	..b	..	..
283	233	Joseph (Leopold)	278	..	16.1	5.8	14.5
188	146	King & Shaxson	152	..	11.8	7.8	18.3
575	375	Kleinwort Benson	565	−5	21.4b	3.8	10.5
484	346	Lloyds	479	..	26.8	5.6	7.3
39	22	Manson	32	● −1	2.1	6.7	12.2
708	395	Mercury Secs	665	−10	22.9	3.3	19.7
457	322	Midland	447	+5	36.4	8.1	7.4
270	173	Nat Aust Bk	228	..	..	..	..
719	567	Nat West	702	+5	37.6	5.4	5.9
80	68½	Ottoman	£79	..	550	7.0	17.0
316	193	Provident	314	..	15.7	5.0	13.2
80	56	Rea Bros	58	..	1.8	3.1	17.2
116	92	Rothschild (J) Hld	108	−1	6.5	6.0	12.9
21¼	15	Royl Bnk Of Can	£16⅞	..	..	..	..
294	218	Royl Bnk Of Scot	265	+1	12.6	4.4	10.8
11 15/16	7¼	Schroders	£11 13/16	−1/16	26.4	2.3	18.2
70	35	Smith St Aubyn	36	● −1	1.0	2.7	3.3
542	422	Stand Chart	464	−5	42.1	8.1	7.2
748	625	Union	628	..	52.9	8.4	8.1
90	58	Wagon	89	..	5.0	5.6	11.9
51 3/16	36 11/16	Wells Fargo	£47⅝	..	..	..	..
280	240	Wintrust	250	..	6.9	2.7	16.9

BUILDING AND ROADS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
218	172	Aberdeen Constr	218	● +4	10.5	4.8	15.5
280	230	Amec	262	−4	15.7	6.0	10.4
60	29	Amcliffe	52	+2	0.1e	0.3	8.0
120	82	Atwoods	115	..	5.7	5.0	10.5
343	208	BPB Industries	343	+5	11.0	3.2	18.7
318	204	Baggeridge Brick	318	..	9.5	3.0	13.7
120	64	Barratt Devs	114	● −2	10.9	9.6	..
34	19	Bailey(Ben) Constr	25	..	0.4	1.4	5.0
151	113	Bellway	144	+1	10.0	6.9	9.6
70	61	Benford Concrete	64	+1	5.4	8.4	33.7
76	51	Bett Bros	69	+1	4.4	6.4	10.3
925	545	Blockleys	900	..	32.9	3.7	12.9
608	465	Blue Circle	563	−7	28.6	5.1	7.7
240	194	Breedon&Cloud Hill	240	..	13.6	5.7	28.9
79	59	Brickhouse Dudley	67	+1	4.9	7.4	11.4
80	55	Br Dredging	66	● −1	3.6	5.4	14.7
22	11	Brown&Jackson	17	..	..	..	11.7
83	65	Brownlee	72	..	5.7	7.9	8.0
88	64	Bryant	84	● ..	4.7	5.6	10.2
190	20	Burnett & Hallam	..	f ..	12.6	..	..
155	145	Cakebread Robey	148	..	4.4	3.0	24.7
81	50	Cement-Roadstone	75	−1½	3.0	4.0	..
70	42	Condor Grp	68	..	2.1	3.1	26.1
526	336	Costain	484	−4	22.1	4.6	10.2
342	204	Countryside	314	..	8.2n	2.6	8.0
116	84	Crouch (Derek)	112	+4	7.9	7.1	24.5
116	60	Dew (George)	112	..	8.1	7.3	8.8
78	45	Douglas (RM)	78	+4	2.5	3.3	13.9
68	52	Erith	60	● ..	4.4	7.4	9.6
113	85	Feb	90	..	4.2	4.6	12.2
92	54	Do 'A'	58	..	4.2	7.2	7.9
96	63	Finlan (John)	65	● ..	4.3	6.7	25.4
220	117	French Kier	219	● ..	9.9	4.5	11.3
88	64	Galliford	80	● ..	6.3	7.9	13.0
115	103	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	105	..	2.3	2.2	35.6

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484	308	Bowthorpe	369	−2	8.2	2.2	17.9
207	104½	Br Telecom 80p P	191	−2	9.3	4.9	12.6
97	71	Brown Boveri Kent	71	−1	3.6	6.0	9.7
31	11½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	14½	..	1.9	13.5	33.7
399	99	CASE	99	..	1.9	1.9	8.3
635	440	Cable & Wireless	625	+5	11.1	1.8	20.8
379	195	Cambridge Elec	218	● +1	10.2	4.7	10.0
178	160	CAP Gp	160	−5	..	..	..
63	25	Chloride	48	..	..	..	11.3
228	129	Do 7¼% CPF	214	..	..	..	..
265	193	Comcap	225	● ..	1.7	0.8	17.5
285	200	Cray Elect	283	● +5	4.2	1.8	28.7
240	95	Crystalate	128	−4	5.6	4.4	7.5
85	61	Dale Elect	70	..	6.4	9.2	24.4
180	97	Dataserv	175	−3	1.6	0.8	..
28	14	Dewhurst 'A'	27	−2	1.2	4.5	12.2
290	245	Domino	280	−5	2.5	0.9	32.8
83	31	Dowding & Mills	42	s ..	4.0	9.5	6.7
208	134	Dubilier	148	−2	3.6	2.4	12.9
348	255	Electrocomponents	345	−2	7.9	2.3	21.5
60	37	Electronic Mach	44	..	1.0b	2.3	31.0
55	39	Electronic Rentals	48	−1	4.6b	9.6	18.9
288	186	Emess Lighting	254	..	7.9	3.1	28.7
398	258	Eurotherm	295	−5	6.1	2.1	19.3
208	138	Farnell Elect	186	● ..	2.9	1.5	21.2
184	104	Ferranti	114	..	2.2	2.0	15.8
130	89	First Castle Elec	97	● −1	3.1	3.2	9.5
40	20	Forward Tech	28	..	..	..	−14.1
220	150	GEC	180	−4	5.7	3.6	10.9
184	86	Grosvenor	99	+2	8.2	8.3	8.2
129	78	Highland Elect	101	−1	3.6	3.5	12.9
148	133	IBL	140	● −3	1.7	1.2	..
350	243	Int Signal & Control	328	−18	1.0	0.3	..
195	130	Jones Stroud	192	..	10.0	5.2	9.1
215	80	Kode	85	● −2	7.1	8.4	7.3
341	220	Lec Refrigeration	221	..	17.9	8.1	6.1
389	100	Logica	122	−7	1.4	1.2	13.2
326	220	MK Elect	303	+5	14.6	4.8	10.0
390	235	Memec	325	● ..	3.6	1.1	38.4
235	44	Micro BS	47	+3	2.5	5.3	7.4
870	100	Micro Focus	150	+40	..	..	..
98	43	Multitone Elec	45	−5	4.0	8.8	33.8
94	59	Murray Elect	64	+2	0.1	0.2	..
45	16	Newman	29	● +1	1.1	3.9	8.5
270	170	Newmark (Louis)	265	+2	18.6	7.0	12.1
90	76½	NEI	84	● −½	7.5	8.9	14.1
172	47	Oceonics	57	..	1.1	1.9	11.6
398	238	Oxford Instruments	398	+2	2.0a	0.5	20.9
68	43	Petbow	50	+2	1.6	3.1	18.3
44	24	Phicom	24	● −1	1.6	6.5	6.7
150¾	95¼	Philips Fin 5⅝%	£108	..	575	5.3	..
15⅝	10 13/16	Philips Lamps N/V	£12 11/16	+⅛	..	..	..
175	115	Pilco	173	..	7.5	4.4	9.5
150	111½	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	150	..	7.5	5.0	8.2
214	114	Plessey	140	−2	6.3	4.5	11.2
20¾	13⅝	Do ADR 25	£14¼	+¼	..	..	..
188	65	Pressac	116	● +1	3.1	2.7	16.1
80	28	Quest Automation	30	+2	..	..	14.4
288	120	Racal Elect	138	−2	4.3	3.2	8.7
198	142	Rotaflex	173	..	6.7	3.9	10.7
503	382	Scholes (GH)	435	● ..	28.6	6.6	9.8
88	75	Shorrock	77	..	2.1	2.8	..
140	33½	Sound Diffusion	37	+1	0.6	1.6	7.2
289	72	STC	84	..	..	..	4.2
168	137	Stone Intl	196	+1	6.3	3.2	12.1
118	74	System Designers	88	● −2	0.5	0.6	32.4
21 17/32	10 9/16	TDK	£13⅝	a −⅛	..	..	..
230	168	Telephone Rentals	181	● ..	10.0	5.5	13.1
484	301	Thorn EMI	384	−8	25.0	6.5	13.7
170	148	Thorpe (FW)	170	● ..	5.6	3.3	8.3
385	176	Tunstall Telecom	180	..	2.1	1.2	12.3
219	158	UEI	203	● ..	7.6	3.7	18.2
308	173	Unitech	178	−2	8.1	4.6	9.4
350	278	Utd Leasing	283	..	5.1	1.8	9.0
270	181	Utd Scientific	178	..	8.1	4.6	11.9
350	244	VG Instruments	338	−2	2.7	0.8	29.3
235	183	Volex	233	..	10.7	4.6	9.7
59	40	Western Selection	58	−1	3.9	6.7	17.7
100	58	Whitworth Elec	95	● ..	2.2	2.3	14.6
325	220	Wholesale Fitting	265	..	9.5	3.6	13.0

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218	165	Charter Cons	215	−3	15.7	7.3	42.9
580	465	Chemring	500	−2	16.4	3.3	13.1
325	208	Christies Int	245	..	7.8	3.2	12.8
42	31	Christy Hunt	39	+1	..	..	6.1
140	73	Clarke (Clement)	140	+2	6.5	4.5	21.7
145	82	Clayton Son	101	..	10.7	10.6	7.8
330	430	Cohen (A)	440	..	15.4	3.5	8.4
144	102	Coloroll Gp	144	+4	..	..	13.0
38	9	Combined Tech	10	+1	..	..	..
88	61	Concentric	80	+7	5.1	6.4	13.8
29	20	Cont Stationery	27	..	2.5	8.3	6.9
64	52	Cook (Wm)	64	..	3.9	6.1	10.7
391	230½	Cookson	366	● +8	9.3	2.5	9.8
289	135	Cope Allman	264	+5	10.0	3.8	12.2
70	22	Copson (F)	40	..	2.1	5.4	22.5
72	55	Cosalt	63	..	1.8	2.8	27.2
385	218	Courtney Pope	385	● ..	12.1	3.2	12.3
40	31	Cowan De Groot	38	+1	2.9	7.5	17.0
131	80	Crest Nicholson	128	..	5.7	4.5	11.8
188	130	Crown House	150	..	10.0	6.7	12.8
287½	149½	Cummins 3¾%	£188½	..	375	2.2	..
483	250	DPCE	430	● ..	4.3	1.0	31.3
505	300	Dalgety	438	−20	35.7	8.2	8.4
28¾	15⅝	Dana	£17⅛	−⅛	..	..	..
68	33	Davies & Met 'A'	68	+2	3.2	4.8	..
175	133	Davies & Newman	171	..	13.4	7.8	5.4
127	81	Davy	106	..	5.3	4.9	10.8
840	750	De La Rue	805	−5	42.9	5.3	10.6
175	165½	Delta	168	● ..	7.2	4.3	9.1
148	105	Deritend Stamping	145	+1	9.0	6.2	8.3
200	132	Desoutter	168	..	9.7	5.8	7.0
41	22	Diamond Stylus	38	..	0.7	1.9	13.4
18½	10½	Dinkie Heel	18½	+4½	0.8	4.3	17.5
265	158	Diploma	228	..	7.3	3.1	15.0
90½	66	Dobson Park	81½	..	7.4	9.1	17.8
96	73	Dom	95	● ..	7.1	7.4	10.5
108	74	Dominion Int	105	+1	7.1	6.8	7.9
80	35	Dufay Bitumastic	56	● −1	2.6	4.6	32.2
59½	25	Duport	59½	● ..	2.6	4.4	15.0
28	12	Dwek	19	..	..	..	9.8
88	66	Dyson (J&J)	80	..	5.7	7.1	19.5
87	64	Do 'A'	71	..	5.7	8.0	17.5

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1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
395	268	Eastern Prod	280	−3	14.3	5.1	2.9
168	108	Edbro	161	..	9.3	5.8	8.9
240	148	EIS	235	..	8.9	3.8	14.3
36	27½	Elbief	29½	..	2.5	8.3	12.5
119	85	Elco	104	−4	5.3	5.1	10.5
31¼	12¼	Electrolux (AB) 'B'	£16¼	+¼	..	..	..
87	51½	Elliott (B)	66	−1	2.9	4.9	17.1
29⅝	18⅝	Embart	£20⅛	..	138	6.7	..
266	218	English China Clay	266	−2	15.3	5.7	12.8
30	18⅛	Ericsson (LM) 'B'	£17⅛	−⅛	9.0	0.5	..
138	78	Erskine House	135	..	3.6	2.6	18.4
163½	115	European Ferries	154½	−½	6.1	4.0	18.5
163	101	Do 5% Prf	130	−2	7.1	5.5	..
270	138	Evered	223	● −2	4.6	2.1	18.5
140	104	Evode	118	..	4.2	3.6	9.6
135	90	Expamet Int	130	● ..	7.6	5.9	17.8
360	272	Extel	355	..	9.6	2.7	20.9
42	23	Falcon	29	● +2	1.4	4.9	7.5
37	25	Feedex Agric Ind	36	+2	1.4	4.0	64.9
150	112	Fenner (JH)	123	+5	7.1	5.8	35.0
178	128	Ferguson Ind	178	..	10.6	5.9	12.4
165	60	Fife Indmar	65	..	5.0b	7.7	6.7
410	280	Fisons	405	−5	6.9	1.7	21.6
47	32	Fitzwilton	41	..	1.0	2.4	..
98	65	Flexello C&W	78	..	4.8	6.8	6.2
48	20	Fobel	29	● −1	0.6	2.0	3.4
115	55	Fogarty	112	● −1	5.7	5.1	43.1
30	20½	Folkes Group N/V	27	● ..	1.9	6.9	7.9
188	135	Fothergill & Harvey	158	● ..	11.8	7.5	14.2
88	43	French (Thomas)	66	..	4.1	6.2	15.2

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
120	87	Stonehill	96	..	8.6	8.8	10.1
182	113	Stothert & Pitt	145	..	..	..	4.3
243	176	Sunlight Serv	195	..	12.8n	6.6	9.4
49	24	Sutcliffe Speakman	39	..	..	..	37.1
191	112	Suter	167	● −2	6.0	3.2	17.7
303	207½	Swire Pacific 'A'	282	+2	..	..	..
25	6	Sycamore	11	..	..	..	..
240	160	Syltone	235	..	14.3	6.1	9.4
413	206	TI	407	−6	14.5	3.5	19.0
147	91	TNT	115	..	..b	..	..
320	94	TSL Thermal	201	−7	2.9	1.4	16.7
531½	337	Tace	420	..	9.0	2.1	33.2
32¾	21¼	Takeda Chem	£30¾	..	..	..	..
9	6⅛	Talbex	8⅛	+⅛	0.3	5.3	8.1
81	45	Tellos	70	−2	4.2s	6.0	7.8
118	60	Tex Hldgs	80	..	..	..	..
90	65	Third Mile	90	● ..	2.9	3.2	13.8
48	36	Thomson T-line	38	..	..●	..	..
108	104	Tiphook	104	−1	..	..	..
248	137	Tomkins (FH)	218	−3	5.2	1.5	27.8
385	324	Trafalgar House	359	−2	16.4	4.5	12.7
231	196	Transcontinental	213	−1½	9.6	4.5	15.8
131½	105½	Transport Dev	127	+½	8.1	6.4	11.4
18	7½	Trimwood	13	+½	..●	..	16.9
53	38	Triefus	46	..	0.1e	0.2	..
89	32	Triplex	38	−1	1.1	1.2	12.5
121	81	Turner & Newall	99	● ..	4.1	4.1	4.5
144	94	UKO	127	−6	7.1	5.6	−8.9
59	21	Unigroup	57½	..	0.3	0.6	..
12¾	9⅛	Unilever	£11⅞	−⅛	60.7	4.3	11.0
32⅞	44¾	Unilever (NV)	£39⅞	+⅛	..	..	..
153	98	Utd Parcels	147	..	4.4	3.0	24.8
274	184	Valor	209	+7	6.6	3.3	10.1
515	155	Vereeniging	155	..	..	..	..
340	210	Vickers	308	−2	15.7	5.1	11.4
125	78	Victor Products	114	−1	6.6	5.8	−12.0
206	101	Vinten	145	..	4.5	3.1	36.2
112½	52¼	Volkswagen	£111	+¼	..	..	..
305	142	Vosper	234	+18	..	..	6.1
88	30	WSL	..	f	..	..	..
174	110	Wade Potteries	140	−2	4.1	3.0	18.8
148	96	Wadkin	115	● −2	2.1	1.8	..
140	125	Wagon Ind	136	..	10.4	7.5	11.1
64	34½	Waterford Glass	64	● ..	1.9	2.9	..
187	153	Watshams	165	● ..	4.8	2.8	35.1
173	87	Watson (R Kelvin)	173	..	6.1	3.5	19.5
236	168	Wedgwood	212	+3	10.4	4.9	8.7
72	40	Weir	71½	● +2	3.6	5.0	12.9
15½	8	Wellman	14	..	..	..	..
153	58	Westland	71	..	11.8	16.6	24.7
98	68	Weeks	85	..	7.9	9.2	11.7
265	185	Whatman Reeve	240	● −5	3.1	1.3	..
112	84	Whessoe	96	+2	7.9	8.2	7.5
198	135	Whitecroft	180	..	11.0	6.1	9.8
224	128	Wilkes (James)	180	● ..	8.4	5.0	18.3
403	198	Williams Hldgs	393	+3	10.0	2.5	20.1
188	128	Wills Gp	165	● ..	11.4	6.9	47.3
501	296	Wolseley-Hughes	501	..	15.7	3.1	11.6
94	48	Wood (Arthur)	59	+4	5.0	8.5	4.5
27	16	Wood (SW)	20	..	1.4	7.2	7.1
45	15	Woodhouse & Rix	41	..	2.8	7.0	18.8
86	68	Wyndham Eng	69	..	2.1	3.1	18.7
510	370	Yarrow	498	..	15.7	3.2	19.3
125	86	Young (H)	123	● ..	3.9	3.1	12.4

INSURANCE

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
251	211	Abbey Life	220	● ..	9.4	4.3	..
28¾	19⅛	Alex & Alex	£22	● +¼	100	4.5	..
28⅝	19⅝	Am Gen	£23⅝	+⅛	80.0	3.5	..
220	190	Bradstock	219	..	..	..	..
834	593	Britannic	822	..	37.9	4.6	..
281	174	Com Union	265	● −2	18.8	6.8	..
293	208	Equity & Law	276	−2	8.0	2.9	..

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
725	505	News International	625	● ..	15.1	2.4	..
585	423	Octopus	505	..	8.2	1.6	26.9
147	127	Portsmouth Sund	127	..	5.7	4.5	12.7
277	227	Trinity Intl	241	..	17.4	7.2	8.0
330	260	Utd Newspapers	273	● ..	22.9	8.4	10.5

OIL

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
129	91	Ampol	112	−2	..	..	..
52	18	Aran Energy	23	..	..	..	..
78	24	Atlantic Resources	32	+2	..	..	..
588	470	Br Petroleum	550	−8	43.7	8.3	6.9
32	13	Bristol Oil	14	..	..	..	..
358	295	Br Borneo	345	−8	26.4	7.7	12.8
258	181	Britoil	208	−5	18.6b	8.9	5.7
320	200	Burmah	289	● −5	15.4	5.1	11.3

BRITISH FUNDS

1985 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld %	Gross Red. yld %
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
101 11/32	99½	Exch 11¾% 1986	99 27/32	..	11.754	11.404
99⅝	98⅜	Treas C 10% 1986	99⅜	+1/32	10.060	11.208
96 7/16	91¾	Treas 3% 1986	96 5/32	●	3.120	10.912
100	57¼	Exch C 10½% 1986	99 25/32	● +1/32	10.536	11.313
101⅛	98⅝	Treas 12% 1986	100 3/32	● +1/32	11.944	11.280
98⅞	94½	Treas 8¾% 1984-86	98¼	..	8.851	11.292
105⅝	102 1/32	Exch 14% 1986	102 7/32	+1/32	13.663	11.207
94 1/16	87½	Exch 2½% 1986	94⅛	● ..	2.649	8.343
104 21/32	101⅛	Exch 13¼% 1987	102⅛	..	12.972	11.196
99 5/32	95½	Treas C 10½% 1987	96 5/32	..	10.357	11.091
93 9/32	84½	Exch 2½% 1987	92 11/32	..	2.697	8.620

TEXTILES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
527	280	Allied Text	408	−5	17.9b	4.4	10.3
143	104	Atkins Bros	125	..	7.8	6.0	30.0
112	71	Beale (John)	100	+4	5.7	5.7	8.8
102	64	Beckman (A)	100	−2	8.2	8.2	11.7
163	107½	Br Mohair	114	● +1	8.6	7.5	8.2
85	70	Bulmer & Lumb	72	..	7.1	9.9	18.0
171	128	Coats Patons	158	−6	8.2	5.2	9.8
79½	57½	Corah	58	..	5.7	9.8	8.0
170	121	Courtaulds	167	−2	7.1	4.3	7.1
94	37	Crowther (J)	94	+1	2.1	2.3	55.2
207	151	Dawson	192	−4	7.8	4.1	12.8
79½	38	Debron	42	+1	..	..	..
225	118	Dixon (D)	225	+4	8.6	3.8	6.8
142	70	Don Bros	130	..	4.3	3.3	8.5
188	95	Dura Mill	100	● ..	6.7	5.7	18.5
82	47	Foster (John)	77	−1	4.9	6.8	8.9
108	84	Gaskell Broadloom	100	+2	7.9	7.9	6.9
69	30	Hicking Pentecost	39	..	..b	..	38.2
150	85	Ingram (Harold)	110	−5	3.8	3.2	14.2
72	50	Jerome (S)	58	● ..	4.5	7.7	7.8
183	121	Leeds	165	+2	7.9	4.8	12.1
74	45½	Lister	69	+½	0.4	0.5	21.8
81	67	Lyles (S)	75	● ..	7.9	10.5	15.7
94	67	Mackay (Hugh)	77	● ..	6.6	8.5	15.5
29½	7	Munton	8½	..	4.3s	50.5	2.9
107	88	Parkland 'A'	106	+1	6.9	6.5	5.0
174	145	SEET	180	..	7.8	4.4	6.5
45	26	Shaw Carpets	27	+1	3.6	13.2	16.0
146	108	Sirdar	138	● ..	5.9	4.3	11.0
63	53	Smallshaw (R)	53	..	3.6	6.7	6.1
72	37½	Stroud Riley	69	..	3.2	4.7	12.0
102	65	Textured Jersey	100	+2	7.1	7.1	7.2
176	110	Tomkinsons	173	..	7.1	4.1	16.5
84½	65	Tootal	79	−2	5.7b	7.3	6.4
200	130	Yorklyde	195	−5	8.6	4.4	8.9

TOBACCOS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
386	295	BAT	300	● −3	16.7	6.2	6.3
222	162	Imperial	215	−1	12.2	5.7	12.2
205	111	Rothmans 'B'	128	−3	9.1	7.1	4.5

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

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The Act that's still open to questions

By Matthew May

Registration under the Data Protection Act got under way yesterday amidst widespread concern that many companies and individuals are still unaware both of the need to register and how to go about it.

All existing computer users of personal information must now be registered by May 11 next year, though computers used only for personal, family or household affairs are considered exempt.

Filling out the registration forms themselves is a relatively straightforward task but what is causing confusion is the time-consuming task of deciding what information is relevant.

Some organisations are not clear exactly what data they do hold especially where the keeping of computer records has been sub-contracted to an outside agency.

Mr Eric Howe, data protection registrar, believes that many businesses will have to carry out an internal survey before they can complete the application forms and over the past few months the data registration centre has been dealing with more than a thousand inquiries per week.

Eric Howe – data protection registrar

How succesful the Act will be, when registrations are completed, in ensuring that computer records are correct and store only generally accepted relevant information is a matter of argument.

In two years time the proponents argue, individuals will be able to inspect personal information held on them, get it corrected if it is wrong and perhaps seek compensation. Companies that fail to register could face fines.

But critics claim the Act is not wide – ranging enough – many government and police records are exempt, for example – and, they say, it fulfills only the minimum required by EEC regulations.

On the purely practical side, those organizations which find they have only a few "suspect" records will be quite entitled to place them back in cardboard folders – for which no equivalent legislation exists.

The data protection registrar has a telephone enquirey service on Wilmslow (0625) 535777.

Skilled jobs at a premium

THE WEEK

By Pearce Wright

A surplus of jobs and a shortage of skilled manpower to fill them has grown from a dull pain to an acute headache for the computer industry. And the latest figures in a survey by the National Computing Centre bring no comfort. They show a trend which is expected to worsen throughout 1986.

More traditional industries may well wish that they had the problems of the information technology companies rather than those of terminal decline. But the future for the manufacturers and customers is an extraordinarily bleak one against which to develop existing installations and plan new ones.

According to the views obtained from 432 organisations, the National Computing Centre paints a picture that goes beyond a simple question of shortages. Current difficulties identified in recruiting good staff, especially systems programmers, are bad enough. And it is not just the ability to attract people that gets harder.

An additional burden is the high turnover in those software skills on which stability, continuity and development of an installation are based.

Small companies in particular are suffering because almost one in three of key programming staff are likely to leave within a year for jobs with higher incentives that suppliers can offer or larger firms afford. The turnover for analyst-programmers and systems analysts leaving within the year were 21.5 per cent and 16.7 per cent respectively.

In spite of this picture, it is almost a contradiction to find that the level of trainees is very low, and it shows no signs of rising. Small companies score better in this respect, taking on 16 per cent of new staff as trainees, with the large companies only 12 per cent.

These figures and the views emerging from the industry reflect a widely told anecdote. Where you see a conspiratorial-looking group of three programmers in the corner of the canteen or after work in the local pubs, you are witnessing the birth of a new software house.

There is certainly no slackening of entrepreneurial activity in the industry. Less surprisingly given the state of competition for labour, salaries in the computer industry are higher than predicted 12 months ago. Average increases are 7.5 to 8 per cent.

As the accompanying table compiled by a Computer Weekly and National Computing Centre salary survey shows, those in the middle income range fared best. Increases for data preparation staff were again below the average and so were the payments for top jobs, although that does not allow for the value of additions to the pay package that might be available to executives.

Providing yet another confirmation of the economic line that is said to divide the workforce between those who live south and north of Watford, there is a widening gap between the salaries of those in the south of England and London and the rest of the country.

People working on communications and networking projects have become high on the list of demands judging by the salary survey. Their pay is showing the most rapid increase. On average they were over £1,000 better off.

But forecasts over the next year are highly disturbing. The manpower issue is scarcely a new one. The dilemma was highlighted in the Information Technology report, *Crisis Facing UK Information Technology*, from the Economic Development Committee and in the three reports of the Information Technology Skills Shortage Committee, perhaps better known as the Butcher Committee.

They recognise that the high turnover of up to 25 per cent a year militates against training by users. Employers have to go for experienced people who can quickly become productive.

The forum suggest in a statement issued this week that the formal education and training system is inadequate. Many degree courses concentrate on the technology of computing yet even these do not satisfy the demand from employers who need technically skilled people.

The shortfall is even more severe in vocational training, which accounts for 80 per cent of employees, mainly analysts and programmers working on commercial data processing systems.

Computer Weekly/National Computing Centre 1985 Salary Service

Job title	1985 basic average (£)	Salary increase 1984/85 (%)	Expected increase 1985/86 (%)
Head of management services	20,679	7.6	6.7
Data processing manager	16,594	7.3	6.7
Chief systems analyst	15,860	7.6	6.8
Senior systems analyst/project leader	13,978	7.4	6.8
Systems analyst	10,998	7.7	6.8
System programmer	11,802	8.4	6.6
Chief analyst programmer	15,493	7.7	6.5
Senior analyst programmer	12,429	7.6	7.2
Analyst programmer	9,510	8.0	6.8
Operations manager	12,350	7.2	7.1
Chief programmer	13,653	7.6	6.0
Senior programmer	10,424	8.0	6.6
Programmer	9,004	8.1	7.2
Computer operator	7,213	7.1	6.6
Data preparation staff	5,019	6.6	6.0

New telephones are the stars at Olympia

By Geof Wheelwright

The biggest stars of a business computer exhibition, Compec, which begins today at Olympia could well be machines that rely on a technology that is more than 50 years old: the telephone.

A new generation of computer-phones or "integrated voice data terminals" (IVDTs) look set to capture the public's attention. Not only will British Telecom be exhibiting the latest add-ons and developments for its Tonto computer-phone, but Acorn Computers is expected to unveil its long-awaited Communicator machine.

It is not yet clear how big the market for such a machine will be. Although ICL – which makes the Tonto for British Telecom and sells its own "One Per Desk" version – has gained big orders for the One Per Desk, most are through large national telephone companies.

Acorn's offering comes on the heels of a very bad financial year for the company, which saw European corporate giant Olivetti take a major stake and Acorn's share of the home and small business computer market dwindle.

There is also expected to be American competition to the home-grown offerings. Compaq Computer recently established a subsidiary company in the US to market and develop a 'computer-phone' called the 'TeleCompaq – which not only provides for full telephone and computer data transmission functions, but will run most computer software written for the IBM PC.

Computer-phones capture the public's attention

But if telephone-based computers are to be the most eye-catching machines at the Compec show, the biggest attraction may well be a computer which will not officially be on display. Commodore will be showing its much-praised Amiga computer in a hotel room near Olympia – and if the computer industry's response to the machine at September's Personal Computer World show 'sneak preview' is anything to go by, it may well end up more crowded than some parts of the exhibition floor.

Commodore last week leaked a few details of its marketing plans for the Amiga in the UK – although it would not yet be held to a firm launch date or a firm UK price. The Amiga – with its fast computer processor, high-definition pictures, synthesizer-quality music generation ability and ability (with an additional disc drive add-on and software) to run most software written for the IBM PC – has made it a big hit among reviewers on both sides of the Atlantic.

Despite its popularity among the industry critics, it is the business computer dealer community that Commodore have to convince if the Amiga is to be successful. And Commodore is hoping to woo the dealers away from the business machines on show at Compec in the hope that it may win orders for the first-quarter 1986 shipments of the Amiga.

No extra money for Eureka

British companies hoping for government funding for schemes involved with an Eureka project will have to rely on existing sources of finance.

Eureka is a European effort to get companies and research institutes to co-operate on high technology in an attempt to improve the competitiveness of European industries in the field.

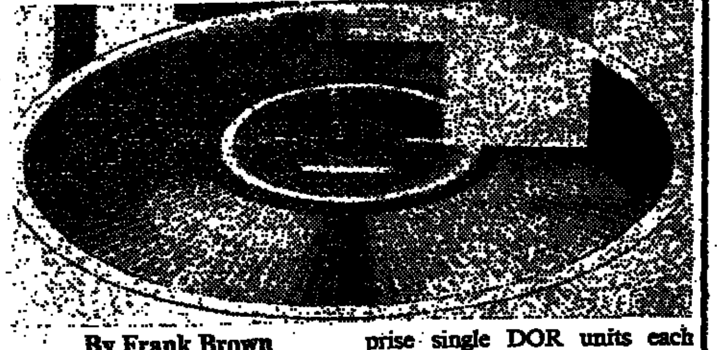
Planning of the programme has been delayed after disputes over the funding and organisation of Eureka.

Last week foreign and research ministers from 18 countries met in Hanover to discuss potential projects and managed to work out elaborate, although temporary compromises.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, made it clear that there would be no new money forthcoming from the Government for Eureka, though British companies participating in Eureka could apply for grants under existing research programmes.

Projects that got the go-ahead all involve French companies and include the production of a new computer chip made of amorphous, or uncrystalised silicon. It is expected to cost £27 million.

Magic disc banishes all those old files



By Frank Brown

The boring job of filing paperwork in cabinets could become a thing of the past. So could the practice of accumulating masses of old paperwork and documentation for reference in dust-laden archives.

Both are likely to be replaced by computerized systems which record images of documents digitally on ten-inch diameter optical discs each capable of storing 30,000 pictorial pages or up to half a million typed pages per side, and which can retrieve and display any one page in less than a sixth of a second.

The technique, called Digital Optical Recording (DOR), was developed in Holland. Scientists in the research laboratories of the Dutch electronics firm Philips discovered some years ago that a tiny semiconductor laser could be used to "Burn" microscopic craters or pits in an ultra-thin layer of Tellurium alloy, and to detect the presence or absence of pits (i.e. the 1's and 0's of computer data) by measuring the light reflected from the layer's surface.

The layer is sandwiched between protective glass substrates and has a spiral groove which effectively provides ten times the storage capacity possible with computer disks and tapes. It also has the advantage of being able to store document images as well as computer/word processor data.

The disc is claimed to store images more efficiently and more cost effectively than microfilm or microfiche.

Philips have developed the DOR technique into a modular digital storage and retrieval system called Megadoc which it has just started to market in this country.

Megadoc systems can comprise single DOR units each accommodating a single manually interchangeable disc, or centred around "jukeboxes" each containing up to 64 discs, and thereby offering online access to 3.8 million pictorial pages, or 64 million typed pages, or an equally staggering combination of the two.

Configurations vary according to the application, but basically includes a file-serving computer with its magnetic disk storage, buffering, and a number of video workstations.

Systems can be linked together to form vast libraries of reference information accessible to vast numbers of people. Sensitive information can of course be categorized so that it can only be accessed by authorized people.

Megadoc systems are already in use in Europe. Users include the publishers of *Stern* magazine, who have two systems: one for storing historical files, and the other for information retrieval by journalists.

Systems like Megadoc could revolutionize the handling of incoming mail. Letters could be digitised as soon as they are opened and stored in a computer system which would relay them to the electronic mailboxes of the various recipients.

The recipients would read each item on their respective video screens, and decide which to keep. For each one they decide to retain, they enter an appropriate reference, hit a confirmation key, and the document concerned is instantly recorded on disc.

Unfortunately, however, such recorded images are not yet acceptable as evidence in a court of law. Thus, until they are, users will have to continue retaining important documents in dust-gathering files.

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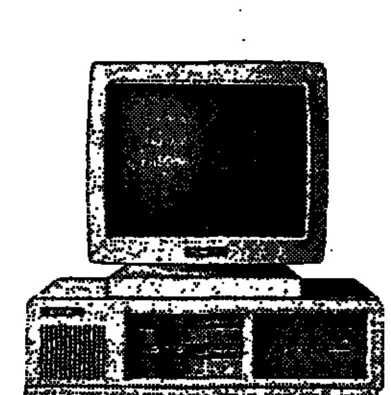

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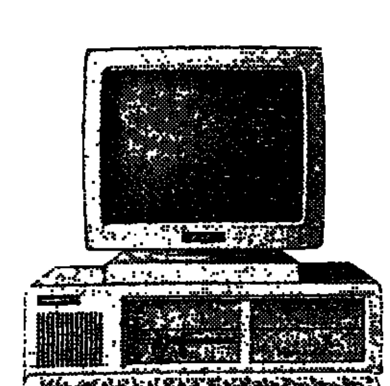

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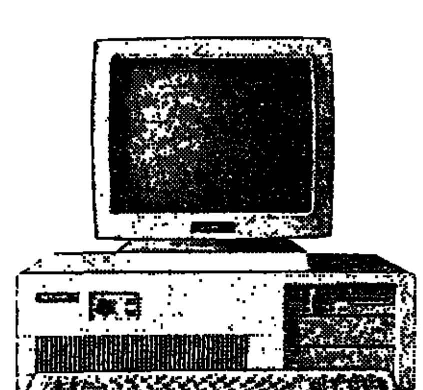

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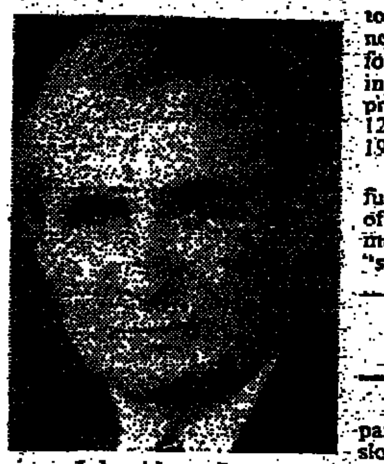
Hard going in the US industry forecast for '86

By Kevan Pearson

The high technology recession that has produced losses, job cuts and factory closures in the US computer industry is showing little sign of ending.

Almost all the major players in the industry have reported third-quarter figures and the results are not encouraging. Small sales growth coupled with reduced profits were the order of the day. On average the industry's net profits are down by nearly 40 per cent compared with 1984.

And the outlook for growth is "modest" according to IBM's chief executive John Akers, speaking in Scotland last week.


John Akers: Low-growth problem

And his views are echoed by other senior computer industry figures such as Charles Exley, chairman of NCR.

The basic problem in 1985, according to Mr Akers, is low growth in the US economy and high imports due to the strong dollar. And for 1986 "we do not at this point see much in the way of improvement," he said.

Another indicator is the current sales of the semi-conductor manufacturers. They are having an even worse time than the computer-makers with almost all of the major chip producers showing heavy losses for the current quarter. Although the chip-makers now say the worst is behind them, they are not looking for a major improvement in financial results for about a year.

But 1985 isn't over yet. And despite statements made earlier in the year, there is even doubt among IBM's top decision makers as to whether the giant will show any net profit gain for the year.

According to Alan Krowe, IBM's senior vice-president in charge of planning, whether there is any profit growth this year will depend on the company's cost-cutting measures and its fourth quarter sales drive. The economy drive has already wiped 15 per cent off corporate expenses in the third quarter, compared with a year ago.

But the company would have to show a 25 per cent increase in net profit over 1984's record fourth quarter to show any increase. So far this year net profit has fallen by more than 12 per cent compared with 1984.

The company is counting on further cost cuts and shipments of its new generation of mainframes to provide a "strong fourth quarter".

Sales growth comes from Europe

Not all US computer companies are suffering from the slow down. Specialist suppliers, such as those who provide specialist scientific machines, appear to have fared better than the general suppliers.

And outside the US things are not so bad. Most of the sales growth IBM has shown this year comes from its European operation. And some European-based companies, such as the Italian Olivetti and Siemens from West Germany, look like having a good year. In the UK ICL reports strong orders despite the problems of its parent, STC.

But with the US economy showing every sign of low growth in 1986 that could make the US multinational even more keen to get their hands on the European markets. IBM has already targeted Europe as a major source of growth, along with South-East Asia. The other US suppliers could end up looking the same way.

Epson now ready to take on the PC

By Geof Wheelwright

Japanese manufacturer Epson is to the computer-printer market what IBM is to the business computer market. The company claims it has up to 40 per cent of the market for dot-matrix printers, the type most often used for printing draft letters, accounts and general purpose information. Almost every software firm that produces computer programs which require the use of a printer make sure that they will work first with an Epson model.

Despite its success in the printer division, Epson has long been ambitious to gain other footholds in the computer market.

Its attempts to break into the desktop computer area have been frustrated because its machines could not call on the huge base of business software written for IBM's PC. But that has not stopped the company from making some inroads into the portable computer business.

Although Epson's portable PX-8 is not as powerful as a desktop machine, it has proved popular enough to claim a 30 per cent share of the 'laptop' portable computer market. No-one, however, (including Epson) has released figures to show exactly how big that market is – and there are almost as many companies flooding into it now as there were into the IBM PC-type market eighteen months ago.

Epson has now decided to join the highly-competitive market of producing an IBM compatible personal computer. Ironically it will go on sale in January, a time when it is rumoured IBM will drop its basic personal computer to concentrate on more powerful successors. Epson prices for its new range will start at a cheap £777, while a version with a hard-disc storage system of 20 megabytes will cost £1,666, making it one of the cheapest systems of its type. Epson only released its last personal computer, the semi-IBM compatible QX16, about six months ago.

The question for Epson new is whether it can hang on to the lead it has gained in the portabe computer and printer markets, while finally making a big-time success of its desktop computer efforts. Certainly the prices for the new Epson Taxi system are impressive, but it will have to sell that system against literally hundreds of other similar systems – many of which will have to move off the shelves of computer dealerships if room is to be made for Epson's offering.

Colin Page: bookseller with a system to boost the profits

Booked – thanks to Mr Page's system

By Geoffrey Ellis

Shoplifters should beware when considering operations in the shop of a South-coast bookseller, who has already brought one book thief to justice by adopting a computerised stock system.

Colin Page, who has been selling antiquarian books in Brighton for ten years, and confesses to the world's worst memory, found that as stock grew, and requirements of specialized customers widened, he could not keep pace with the increasing demands on his time.

This is the classic scenario painted by eager computer salesmen to gullible customers, often with unhappy results. In his case with the assistance of a helpful friend, he invested in a Commodore Pet and in 1981 became the first antiquarian dealer to install a successful system.

Much of the programming he learnt himself, writing basic routines for listing his stock of ten thousand books, but buying off-the-peg commercial search and sort routines written in machine code. These form one of the most important aspects of his business, giving him the ability to search for books by title, author, subject, and in the case of geographical titles, county or town.

As the cataloguing lists the books description, price and position on the shelf, it has enabled him to check any unexplained gaps in his stock, and immediately find details of the missing book. The last time he discovered a space that was not the result of a sale, he telephoned fellow booksellers in the town to alert them of the theft. When the thief subsequently walked in to sell the stolen book, he was arrested.

Mr Page upgraded to a newer system, a Pet-compatible Commodore 8096 and is now firmly convinced that his business is more profitable as a result, giving as an example the ability to pick up sales that would otherwise be lost. Customers, he says, often miss books on the shelves, but will buy when offered a printed listing of their interests.

Mr Page has had inquiries from other people in the trade who are interested in installing similar systems. It illustrates, he says, how a small traditional business such as bookselling, can come to terms with a computer.

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More than 220 entries were received for the UK Computer Press Awards, sponsored by The Times and Hewlett Packard, and are 30 per cent up on last year.

Two new categories of award were added this year, Computer Columnist of the Year, which attracted 19 entries, and Computer Programme of the Year – Radio and TV, which attracted seven entries.

The judging has now been completed and the winners will be announced at a dinner at Claridges on November 27, hosted by Selina Scott. Judges included Dr Doug Eyeions, the director-general of the Computing Services Association, John Ockenden, president of the association, and Derek Harding, Secretary-General of the British Computer Society.

ICL takes a slice of Telecom order

■ ICL is to provide British Telecom with seven new mainframe computers and 5,000 terminals as part of BTs service operations. Although the value of this order is more than £50 million, British Telecom has made it clear that the other 23 mainframes needed for its computerisation programme will be from IBM or companies supplying IBM-compatible equipment.

Up till now British Telecom has mainly used ICL equipment and only recently installed nine IBM computers as the first phase of the project. The mainframe order is for ICL's Series 39, a range launched earlier this year and developed in association with Fujitsu.

ICL's UK managing diretor Alan Roussell says that "mainframe orders are 20 per cent higher this year" though the continuing expansion in sales of such machines means that ICL is still likely to lose some of its share of the market.

■ The Manpower Services Commission is to spend £7 million on a new communications network that will link its seven regional computer centres to area offices and Job Centres around the UK. Eventually over 950 sites will be connected with 2,500 terminals and 1,000 printers linked in. It is expected to be completed by July, 1988.

■ An ex-journalist without a formal training in computers has developed a program that cuts out much of the accidental and fraudulent use of credit cards. The system is aimed at coping with phone credit card purchases.

John Thompson, 31, government informations officer, faced with thousands of orders for tickets for the 1986 World Exposition in Vancouver, Canada, has provided an instant printout of telephone orders. Overnight the Expo computer checks with the credit card company to make sure the card is not stolen or that there is sufficient credit. Once confirmed, the tickets are despatched. If there are problems, the customer receives a polite letter asking for a check with the credit card company.

■ A computerised system which can translate into Braille has been developed in Japan. The sysem, which transliterates kana – Japanese phonetic script – is the result of work done by Professor Setsuo Kikuchi and his electrical engineering students at Oita National Technical College in Kyushu.

At present, Braille transliteration relies on the use of a stylus or Braille typewriters, and requires long training to become proficient. With the new system, it is claimed, even someone who knows no Braille can transliterate. The system costs about £1,725 but Professor Kikuchi's team are now looking for ways of producing the machines more cheaply.

COMPUTER BRIEFING

■ Subscribers to British Telecom's Prestel system can now send and receive messages over the international telex system using their electronic mailboxes. For the past year Prestel users have been able to send telexes, but only to addresses in the UK.

One of the major problems with electronic mail systems is that relatively few people have access to them. Prestel currently has 60,000 customers and the ability to connect telex with electronic mail is seen as an important halfway house until such systems become widespread.

The new service, Telex Link, will convert pages of Prestel text which typically contain about 100 words and send them as a telex at a cost of £1 per page for Europe and £2 per page for the USA. Incoming telexes directed to Prestel mailboxes are received free of charge to the recipient.

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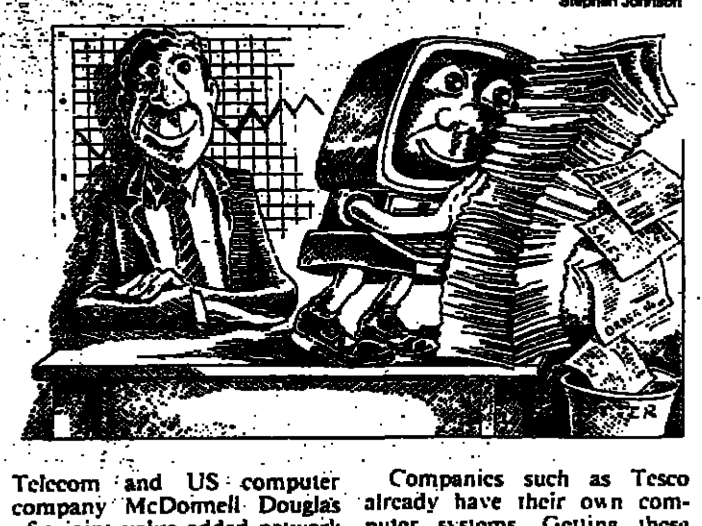
■ The development of an information technology industry in Norway can give 67,000 new jobs before the year 2000 but failing this could risk having to use its oil revenues on the import of data and electronics, says Ralph Hoibakk, director of Tandberg Data.

He has sent a report to the Norwegian government which says that lack of experts is the main obstacle to creating growth. More than half of the new IT jobs must be filled by people with special technological training or international marketing expertise. Hoibakk pointed out: "Both the Swedish and Danish electronics industries are far more export-orientated than the Norwegian."

■ Mercury Communications has ordered a £500,000 optical transmission system to link London, Briston and Birmingham. The system will be able to carry up to 7,680 simultaneous telephone conversations, television pictures and other data traffic.

Stemming the flood of paper


Stephen Johnson

By Russell Jones

Despite the computer age a flood of paper still flows between buyer and seller. In America buyers issue 15 million purchase orders each year which trigger 15 million delivery notes and another 15 million invoices with the result that 100 million paper messages criss-cross various manufacturers and retailers.

The same problem exists in the UK. Tesco, for example, deals with 1,000 different manufacturers: Fine Fare estimates that it processes 40,000 invoices every week.

So the potential savings in time and money from electronic systems that link suppliers with retailers are potentially huge.

In the UK the market for such systems, known as electronic data interchange (EDI), has received a boost with the recent announcement by British Telecom and US computer company McDonnell Douglas of a joint value added network Edinet. It will compete with ICL's offering in this area, Tradanet.

Companies such as Tesco already have their own computer systems. Getting these computers to talk to one another requires a set of accepted standards.

EDI should make it feasible for inter-company documentation to be exchanged electronically. A retailer needing to order from a wholesaler can send an order in a standard format direct to the wholesaler's computer. The reverse invoicing can be carried out in a similar fashion.

Both Edinet and Tradnet provide standard software to translate information from one company's format to a standard EDI format and back again. Both also supply a generalised network.

Individual companies plug into the network and can then exchange business documents electronically with any other company subscribing to that network.

The potential for EDI is huge. By 1986, ICL expects that 65 large retailers and suppliers, representing several thousand shops and depots, will be using the Tradanet service. It will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, handling up to 1.3 billion characters a day.

In America, McDonnell Douglas already has 200 major customers. EDI is particularly attractive to companies in the retail and distribution industries, where, typically, large numbers of orders need to flow between companies on a regular basis. It is no coincidence that many of McDonnell Douglas's customers for the service, such as Heinz and Kellogs, are in the retail business.

And it is not simply for large companies. McDonnell Douglas markets a software package called EDI Translator which runs on the IBM PC/XT – just the sort of machine likely to appeal to small businesses.

Using this package, users need not change from their traditional document formats. They can set up screens which correspond to existing formats. The PC then translates each document into a common format for transmission to the Edinet network. The receiving PC takes the data in the form of a predefined file which can be mapped into the receiver's own files and so adapted to the document standard of the receiver.

In America large supermarket chains already order electronically from large suppliers. Invoices are returned in the same way, with the whole process simplifying stock management. Often this leads to a reduction in stock levels. Some companies have even carried this one stage further.

This is when point of sale equipment is used to produce stock reports that automatically generate purchase orders for replacement stock.

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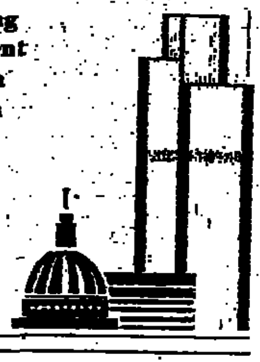

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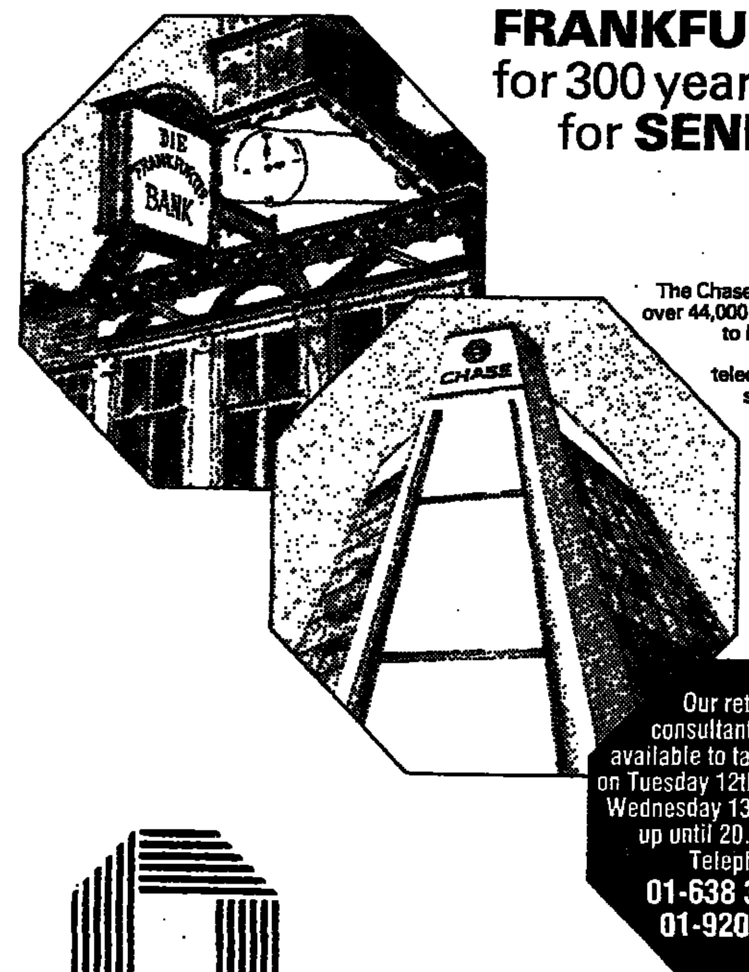

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FOOTBALL

Clubs could break away if chairmen fail to look to game's future

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

"Nothing is more fruitless than a meeting of League chairmen" Sir Normann Chester was quoted as saying in these pages some two months ago. Today, as they gather in a London hotel, they have not so much an opportunity as possible a last chance to prove that there are exceptions to his rule.

The chairmen's collective resistance to change has become almost legendary but there can be little doubt that, whatever they decide, the game is about to take, albeit reluctantly, a signifiant step into the future. The first division, the biggest in the world, let alone Europe, is about to shrink from its present size of 22 clubs.

If the chairmen persist in being as stubbornly short-sighted as they were three years ago when they rejected Sir Norman's recommendations, the leading clubs are sure to carry out their threat to break away anf form a so-called super league, a move that would be supported by the Football Association. The result could be chaos.

The pressure on the chairmen, and particularly those in the first and second divisions who attended a series of unofficial meetings yesterday, may be heavy but they have only themselves to blame. While they have remained indecisive, unenlightened and self-interested, they have seen the ancient League structure crumbling around them.

Evidence of football's contiuning decline is now so overwhelming as to be impossible to ignore. Attendances, which last season plummeted to the lowest overall figure since the war, have fallen further, so far by almost 10 per cent. The absence of 570,961 spectators represents a loss of £2 million in gate receipts.

The television dispute, which sank recently to the level of childishly acrimonious accusations, has cost the clubs an estimated £7 million in sponsorship and advertising. As if all that was not enough, the collapse of the ill-fated and ill-conceived Top Score pools system has added another £500,000 to the total loss

Add to that the rewards which would have been collected bye clubs who qualified for, and were subsequently banned from, Europe and there are well over 10 million financial reasons why the powerful clubs at least would welcome a wind of change.

Yesterday's unofficial talks were attended by the chairmen of the first division (except Newcastle United's who was involved in his own club's annual meeting) and 15 from the second. Under the chairmanship of Martin Edwards, of Manchester United, they discussed a radical plan put forward by United, Liverpool, Everton, Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal.

Representatives of second division clubs, talking in the same Piccadilly Hotel, received the proposals and will give their reaction at a further meeting this morning. The package presented for second division clubs to study includes: A steamlined first division of 20 clubs, a second division of 24 and 48 others under the Football League umbrella but running their own affairs; A British cup involving the first division clubs, 10 leading Scottish clubs and two from Northern Ireland; Reoganization of the League management committee.

Today's meeting will look again at Sir Norman's report of 1982, which suggested that the first division should be reduced to 20 clubs but, with the addition of a dozen non-League clubs, the overall number should be increased to 104p. The Professional Footballers' Association, thinking along similar lines, would prefer to enlarge it to 106.

Among other topics to be examined are the abolition of the 4 per cent levy paid by clubs into a League pool, the distribution of money from television and of the gates receipts in the FA and Milk Cups and the timing of transfer payments.

The most crucial alteration concerns the voting system. At present a proposal requires a 75 per cent majority to be passed

The new figure has been set at 66 per cent.

The chairmen are not themselves empowered to make changes. The recommendations that emerged from yesterday's unofficial meeting and will emerge from today's official meeting will be put to a future extraordinary meeting before being approved.

Scottish manager flexes muscles

By Hugh Taylor

A hint that Scotland will not allow Australia, a self confessed hard-hitting team, to outmatch them in strength or commitment was dropped by the Scottish manager, Alex Ferguson, when he announced the party yesterday for the World Cup qualifying match at Hampden Park on November 20. There were no surprises in the pool, with the return after injury of the outstanding midfield players, Strachan and Bett, after injuries which kept them out of the game against East Germany.

The manager made it clear that the main aim was a convincing victory at Hampden Park, so that there would be fewer problems for a Scottish team arriving in Australia for the second leg of the tie.

He recalled that the Scottish team had allowed itself to be upset by the more determined play of Wales and warned: "We won't be trampled upon by the Australians, who are so physically impressive, certainly not before 65,000 Scottish supporters at Hampden.

Once again, it appears that there is a surfeit of attacking talent at the manager's command. The manager, however, gave a little smile when he was asked what he thought would be the most effective pairing. Little

McAvennie: in form

wonder. It is more than a year since a recognized centre forward put the ball in the net for Scotland and deep thought will be given as to whether it is time McAvennie, who is in such devatating scoring form for West Ham United, should step

SCOTLAND SQUAD: R Aitken (Celtic), A Albiston (Manchester United) S Archibald (Barcelona), J Bett (Aberdeen), D Cooper (Rangers), K Dalglish (Liverpool), A Goram (Oldham Athletic), R Gough (Dundee United), A Hansen (Liverpool), M Johnston (Celtic), J Leighton (Aberdeen), F McAvennie (West Ham United), A McLeish (Aberdeen), M MacLeod (Celtic), P McStay (Celtic), M Malpas (Dundee United), W Miller (Aberdeen), S Nicol (Liverpool), A Rough (Hibernian), G Sharp (Everton), G Souness (Sampdoria), D Speedie (Chelsea), G Strachan (Manchester United).

Grass-roots Gray

By Paul Newman

FA CUP

Thirty-seven may be a late age at which to make your first appearance in the first round of the FA Cup, but Whitby Town's new midfield player does have some experience from other areas of the game to offer. To be precise, 12 Scotland caps, 452 Football League appearances for one of England's biggest clubs and more than three years as their player-manager.

Eddie Gray has been waiting in vain for offers of full-time football employment since his dismissal from Leeds United last month after more than 20 years at the club. When David Harvey, a former colleague at Elland Road and now player-manager of Whitby, asked him if he would like a game or two in the Drybroughs Northern League, he was happy to accept.

Gray made his first appearance for the north Yorkshire club last week in a 5-2 victory away to Hartlepool United's reserve team in front of a handful of spectators. On Saturday his team entertain South Liverpool, of the Multipart League, in the first round of the FA Cup. Having never played outside the first or second division, it will be his first game at this stage of the competition.

"I joined Leeds when I was 15, so I've never had any experience of playing at this level," he said. "It's a bit different from League football in terms of ability. The successful teams tend to be those who are well organized rather than particularly skilful."

Last week's match at Hartlepool was the first competitive game Gray had played for 18 months. "I've kept myself reasonably fit, but it did seem a little strange to be playing again", he said. "I enjoyed it and I think I did O.K. I've told David that I'm happy to play on a match-to-match basis, but to be honest I hope it won't be for long. I want to get back into the professional game as soon as possible."

Harvey, who is just three weeks younger than Gray, made more than 300 appearances for Leeds in two spells. He was released by Gray in February and played briefly for Bradford City and Partick Thistle before joining Whitby in June. He succeeded Tony Lee, who had brought considerable success to the club and led them to their only FA Cup success against a League side, a 3-2 win at Halifax Town two years ago.

Harvey has signed several new players, including another former Leeds colleague, Ray Hankin, but Whitby lie only half-way in the table. Harvey believes his side's best is yet to come. "Things are starting to come right", he said. "We've lost only two of our last 13 games and we have the potential to be a good side, provided everyone performs to the best of their ability."

FIXTURES AND FORECASTS

Paul Newman

Saturday November 16 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION
2 Arsenal v Oxford
X Aston Villa v Sheff W
2 Ipswich v Everton
1 Liverpool v WBA
1 Luton v Coventry
1 Man U v Tottenham
X Newcastle v Chelsea
1 Nottingham F v Man C
1 QPR v Leicester
1 Sthampton v Birmingham
1 West Ham v Watford

SECOND DIVISION
1 Barnsley v Sunderland
1 Bradford v Millwall
1 Brighton v Huddersfld
1 Charlton v Hull
1 Fulham v Carlisle
2 Grimsby v Portsmouth
1 Leeds v C Palace
X Middlesbro v Oldham
1 Sheff U v Blackburn
2 Stoke v Norwich
1 Wimbledon v Shrewsbury

FA CUP FIRST ROUND
1 Brentford v Bristol R
1 Bury v Chester
1 Derby v Crewe
X Exeter v Cardiff
1 Gillingham v Nthampton
X Halifax v Scunthorpe
2 Lincoln v Blackpool
1 Mansfield v Port Vale
1 Plymouth v Aldershot
1 Rochdale v Darlington
X Rotherham v Wolves
1 Southend v Newport
V Swindon v Bristol C
(Playing Sunday)
2 Tranmere v Chesterfld
1 Walsall v Preston
1 Wigan v Doncaster
X Wrexham v Bolton

Not on coupons: Bishop's Stortford v Peterborough, Bournemouth v Dartford, Chelmsford v Weymouth, Chorley v Altrincham, Dagenham v Cambridge U, Enfield v Bognor Regis, Fareham v Maidstone, Farnborough v Bath, Frickley v Halesowen, Macclesfield v Hartlepool, Notts Co v Scarborough (Sunday), Nuneaton v Burnley, Reading v Wealdstone, Runcorn v Boston U, Slough v Aylesbury, Stockport v Telford, Swansea v Leyton-Wingate, VS Rugby v Orient, Whitby v S Liverpool, Windsor and Eton v Torquay, Wycombe v Colchester, Yeovil v Hereford, York v Morecambe.

MULTIPART LEAGUE
1 Buxton v Witton
X Hyde v Gainsborough
1 Matlock v Norwich
1 Workington v Oswestry

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Celtic v Clydebank
2 Dundee v Dundee U
X Hearts v Rangers
2 Motherwell v Aberdeen
X St Mirren v Hibernian

SCOTTISH FIRST
X Airdrie v Forfar
X Alloa v Partick
1 Brechin v Ayr
1 Clyde v Falkirk
1 Dumbarton v Montrose
2 East Fife v Hamilton
1 Kilmarnock v Morton

SCOTTISH SECOND
Not on coupons: Cowdenbeath v Arbroath, E Stirling v Albion, Queen of the South v Stirling, Raith v Dunfermline, St Johnstone v Queen's Park, Stenhousemuir v Berwick, Stranraer v Meadowbank.

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Aston Villa, Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Exeter, Halifax, Rotherham, Wrexham, Hyde, Hearts, St Mirren, Airdrie, Alloa.
BEST DRAWS: Aston Villa, Newcastle, Halifax, St Mirren, Airdrie.
AWAYS: Everton, Norwich, Blackpool, Aberdeen, Hamilton.
HOMES: Liverpool, Nottingham Forest, Southampton, Charlton, Fulham, Derby, Plymouth, Walsall, Matlock, Brechin, Dumbarton, Kilmarnock.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Liverpool, Wimbledon, Derby, Plymouth, Walsall. Aways: Oxford, Blackpool, Aberdeen. Draws: Aston Villa, Newcastle, St Mirren.

Australia to make it hot for Scotland

Sydney (Reuter) – A demand by Australia's manager, Frank Arok, that the World Cup qualifying match against Scotland be played on the "roughest" pitch available has been turned down by top officials.

Arok would still like the game played in the midday sun. "We must get the best advantage for our team because Scotland will be sure to do that in Glasgow. We will have to play in their freezing temperatures, so I would like to play them in the middle of the day when it's boiling hot", Arok said.

Arok is opposed to the choice of Olympic Park, Melbourne, as the venue for the second leg on December 4, because he says it will be like asking the Scots to play in their own backyard.

"It is a typical English-type ground with beautiful smooth grass, just what they like", Arok said. "I don't have anything against the ground, but I want the roughest surface available because they are not used to it. It will upset them."

The Australian Soccer Federation president, Sir Arthur George, said after a meeting with Arok the match will definitely be played in Melbourne, though he left open the possibility of switching the game to another venue in the city.

Hand plans to leave in style

Eoin Hand is determined to bow out of international management by guiding the Republic of Ireland to victory in their last World Cup qualifying game against Denmark at Lansdowne Road tomorrow.

Although the Republic cannot now reach next year's finals in Mexico, Hand intends to make the talented Danes work for the point they need to ensure their own qualification.

"I want to finish on a high note and there is still a lot of pride at stake because Denmark gave us a terrible hiding whep we played them in Copehagen," Hand said. He announced his decision to resign after Ireland's 2-0 defeat in the Soviet Union last month but wanted to stay on for the conclusion of the qualifying campaign.

Lyons becomes Grimsby's player-manager

Mike Lyons became player-manager of Grimsby Town yesterday and the club also appointed a new chairman and vice-chairman. Lyons, the Sheffield Wednesday and former Everton defender, succeeds Dave Booth, who left last month for a business career in Tererife. Lyons is likely to appoint a former Everton playing colleague, Terry Darracott, to help him, although acting manager Peter Grotier will stay

In the boardroon Ron Ramsden succeeds his son Dudley as chairman, with builder Tom Bygott replacing Doug Everitt as vice-chairman, Ramsden junior and Everitt resigned last week.

● Newcastle United, nearly £1m in debt four years ago, will tell shareholders at today's annual general meeting that the club is now in the black. Their chairman Stan Seymour, who missed yesterday's League meeting in London, is to report a profit of nearly £500,000 on the last financial year.

● Millwall's forward John Fashanu has been suspended for five games starting with the visit to Bradford on Saturday.

He will miss two games for being sent off at Grimsby earlier this month and a further three for passing 23 disciplinary points.

New date for Red Star cup game

Red Star Belgrade are to play their European Cup Winners' Cup second round second leg home match against Lyngby, of Denmark, on November 27. The match had been postponed pending a UEFA decision on whether Red Star should be disqualified for fielding an ineligible player, in the first round.

Knees up: Dixon (facing camera) and Wright in training yesterday (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Dixon put forward for Robson's choice

By Stuart Jones

Bobby Robson is likely to make no more than the two enforced changes in his England side that meets Northern Ireland in the closing World Cup qualifying tie at Wembley tomorrow night. Hateley, who may be out for as long as six weeks, is certain to be replaced by Dixon and Bryan Robson's understudy will probably be Bracewell.

Although England have already claimed their place in next summer's finals, Robson will remind them that they have more than their collective pride and individual ambitions to protect. If they beat the Irish, they will finish not only as the convincing winners of group three, but also as the lone European nation to remain unbeaten on the road to Mexico.

"This is not the time to experiment". Robson said yesterday. "Anything we do between now and the meeting of the World Cup seeding committee on December 14 must be in our favour. We have to look after our own interests, even though just about everyone in Wembley will want the Irish to go through with us.

"For once we can enjoy the game, we can play without anxiety. But if we don't apply ouselves, we'll get turned over. If the players think they can get away with a complacent attitude there will be fireworks and some of them will find themselves out of the side for the next game."

Robson admitted that he is concerned about the current form of Waddle, the only winger in the party after the withdrawal of John Barnes. He considered bringing in Peter Barnes, enjoying a new lease of life on Manchester United's left flank. But trusts that his faith in Waddle's ability will rejuvenate him instead.

Robson also conceded that there is no adequate substitute for his namesake. "There is nobody like Bryan Robson so, in that respect, we will have to adjust. We will miss his forward surges but I will ask no more from the midfield than for them to reproduce their club form."

The style of Bracewell, whose one full previous appearance was against the United States last June, is closer to England's captain than that of Steven, who has not started an international since the opening of the tour of Mexico and is suffering anyway from a thigh strain. Nor is he alone in being troubled by injury.

Fenwick, whose complaint was "better" than he thought it would be during yesterday's training session, Martin, whose ailment was "worse", and Steven are all expected to be available. So are Wilkins, who will lead the side and Francis. The line-up should be: Shilton, Stevens, Fenwick, Wright (or Martin), Sansom, Hoddle, Wilkins, Bracewell, Lineker, Dixon and Waddle.

● Northern Ireland suffered a second withdrawal from their squad yesterday, when Shrewsbury's McNally was sent home with an ankle injury (the Press Association reports).

The decision by the manager Billy Bingham, cuts his World Cup squad to a 16 for tomorrow's crucial match against England. Bingham said: "I have not called in any replacements because we still have enough players for the match. If I decide later that I need more, it will not be inconvenient for them to get to our Hertfordshire headquarters."

McNally aged 22, as yet uncapped, was injured in the 2-1 win over Brighton on Saturday, but reported with the rest of the squad on Sunday night.

Bingham added: "We gave him some treatment then but, on the advice of my physio, I am returning him to his club without even taking a look at him in training. I have been assured the injury is not going to improve here."

The Blackburn winger, Brotherston, was the first withdrawal with a groin strain.

● Eric Frederiksson, of Sweden, will referee tomorrow's World Cup qualifying match between England and Northern Ireland, at Wembley.

● Stoke City have extended the loan of the goalkeeper, Barry Siddall, to Tranmere Rovers for another month.

Crucial World Cup game draws near for France

WORLD FOOTBALL
Brian Glanville

For France, the moment of truth arrives at the Parc des Princes on Saturday when they play Yugoslavia, familiar World Cup rivals, needing only a draw to reach Mexico next summer.

On the face of it, it is an amazing turn of events. France, reckoned by many to be at least the second best team in the World Cup of 1982 and winners of the European Nnations Cup last year in Paris, have had to go right the way down to the wire inthe present World Cup qualifiers.

Wretched form away from home had undone them; they lost not only in Sofia to Bulgaria but also in Leipzig to the efficiant but uninspired East German team who play at home to Bulgaria on Saturday.

Inadequacy in the air cost France two goals from corners in Sofia. In Leipzig, there was bitter altercation after their defeat, with Michel Platini, the major force in the team, criticising the attack put together by the new manager Henri Michel and castigating the performance of Bossis as sweeper. Things certainly haven't been the same since Michel Hidalgo gave up as mannager after the Nations Cup success.

At the moment, Bulgaria lead the group with 11 points and are qualified; which makes you wonder how far they will push themselves against the East Germans, who have eight points. France, after their 6-0 victory over Luxembourg, have nine.

Those six goals give France a goal difference of nine, against the East Germans' six. It seems almost inevitable that the French will come through, for all the disapointment of their away performances and their defensive weakness in the air.

Yugoslavia, who managed to lose at home to the East Germans in their last World Cup match, have looked much better subsequently in their win against Austria in a friendly in Linz. Milutinovic, their team manager, has brought in new young talent, and must be encouraged by the form of three players from Red Star, Mrkela, the forward, now recovered from an operation on his abductor muscles and in splendid form, Musemik, another attacking player, and a midfield player, Djurovski.

Asked what chance they thought their team (now on eight points) had of qualifying for the world Cup, the two famous Yugoslav forwards playing in France, Hallihodzic (Nantes) and Susic (Paris St Germain) replied "None". Susic, a splendidily talented byt erratic player, latterly used by his country in a more withdrawn role, could surely have done them some good at the parc des Princes, where he had been playing so successfully all season.

Michel Platini will no doubt be very happy to escape all the controversy which surrounds Juventus; though they did win 3-1 at home to Roma last Sunday. His contract ends this season, and there's talk both of Naples and Barcelona (2-0 winners over Real Madrid last Sunday with Schuster and Archibald back in the side), bidding for him.

Platini was greatly upset by the events of last Wednesday when his team put Verona out of the European Cup 2-0 behind closed doors in Turin. A violent controversy erupted when Juventus, who had scored from a penalty, did not have one given against them when their centre forward, Serena, clearly punched the ball away in the penalty area.

In Brazil, there is a battle of wills between Paulo Roberto Falcao, the superb international midfield player, and the manager of his new Sao Paolo club, Cininho. The manager won't play the expensive Falcao. He keeps him on the bench, claiming that he isn't fully match fit.

He has an argument of sorts; Sao Paolo are top of their League and can't be caught. But Falcao and his agent, furious, retort that Falcao can get fit only if he plays regularly.

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BASKETBALL

United face another test of their character

By Robert Pryce

A less brutal sport than this one would have kept **Sharp Manchester United** away from the ring for at least three months after their European Cup knock-out. Instead the English champions were given three days to recuperate from their 51-point whipping by **Badalona** before taking on two tough opponents on successive evenings.

It is too early to count Manchester United out of the Carlsberg National League. On Friday they were six points down to **Sperrings Solent Stars** with 1min 49sec to play, but got up to win 79-76 when Brown sank a lay-up and a three-shot one second from time. On Saturday they trailed by 20 points less than three minutes into the second half, then came within an inch of ending **Portsmouth's** unbeaten record.

"We're that type of team. We've got great character", United's coach Joe Whelton said. "I just wish we'd go up by 20 points one of these days." Tonight will not be one of these days. United take on **Polycell Kingston**, the league champions and leaders, in the quarter-finals of the Prudential Cup, their sixth game in two weeks and Tom Brown, the centre, may not be fit.

When the 6ft 7in centre sprained his ankle early in the first half at Portsmouth, the 6ft 10in David Gardner took up some of the weight. Since his transfer in the summer, the former Manchester Giant has had his problems adapting to a new system and has lost his place in the England team. But he found his feet in this game, leading United's scorers with 16

After seeing their zone defence, with which they had had some success early on, shredded by a 14-2 burst at the start of the second half, United swarmed over the court, chasing a 54-34 deficit. In their own arena and by all precedents, Portsmouth should have put them away, but they were savaged under their own basket, lost Cunningham to a leg injury less than seven minutes into the second half and struggled to mamke their shots all night. Brown closed the margin to one point with just over two minutes left.

ICE HOCKEY

Streatham sample the high life

By Robert Pryce

After seeing his Streatham team discard a five-goal lead in 10 minutes last week, Richard Bacon has recovered most of his phlegm. On Sunday, Streatham scored five goals without reply in 13 minutes of the second period and survived late penalties to both their Canadian forwards, Stefan and Melancon, to beat the league-leading Murrayfield Racers 6-5. "That was heady stuff." Bacon said, "that almost moved me to smile."

No one is getting intoxicated yet, but there is some relief that the Scottish advance has been halted. Up until the weekend the Scots had won 12 out of 13 Heineken British League games against English clubs. Now Murrayfield (at Streatham), Dundee (at home to Durham) and Fife (at home to Nottingham) have lost their 100 per cent records.

Fate smiled with special benevolence on Nottingham, who were 5-4 down in Kirkcaldy with 55 seconds to play when a Fife pass deflected off a linesman's skate to Keyes, Nottingham's Canadian centre, who struck the equalizer.

Something malevolent – the obverse of the televised advertising campaign the 'Peterborough effect' – afflicts the premier division's newcomers, Peterborough Pirates. Ekki Norman is due to arrive from Finland tomorrow to take over a team who have lost their manager, coach, seven players and all four of the league games so far. Their players have squabbled in public and scuffled on the team bench during a game. The former coach, Ron Katernyuk, has begun legal proceedings against the club. The company that appeared ready to sponsor them has decided to invest elsewhere.

"Morale is the same as it's always been," Joe O'Donnell, the Peterborough chairman said. "The morale is high". "The first thing they do is sack the winning coach, which is dumb", Gary Brine, the England netminder, said. "Now they've dug their own grave".

Brine was one of seven players who asked for their release last week unless Katernyuk was reinstated.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier League: Ayr Bruins 9, Nottingham Panthers 1; Cleveland Bombers 14, Whitley Warriors 11; Dundee Rockets 8, Durham Wasps 6; Durham Wasps 13, Peterborough Pirates 2; Fife Flyers 5, Nottingham Panthers 5; Peterborough Pirates 5, Murrayfield Racers 18; Streatham Redskins 6, Murrayfield Racers 5; Whitley Warriors 5, Dundee Rockets 7. First division: Bournemouth Stags 18, Deeside Dragons 12; Crowtree Chiefs 11, Lee Valley Lions 11; Oxford City Cougars 12, Deeside Dragons 8; Richmond Flyers 7, Altrincham Aces 9; Solihull Barons 4, Glasgow Dynamos 12. First division trophy: Lee Valley Lions 17, Southampton Vikings 8; Sheffield Blades 5, Solihull Barons 15.

TENNIS

Wembley surface is ideal setting for the matured Lendl

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The tenth Benson and Hedges championships, Wembley's annual festival of men's tennis, begins at noon today. The seedings suggest that Saturday's semi-finals will be Ivan Lendl v Stefan Edberg and Yannick Noah v Boris Becker.

Lendl and Becker, champions of the United States and Wimbledon, are scheduled to meet in Sunday's final.

Becker, who will celebrate his 18th birthday on November 22, had an astonishing triumph on Wimbledon's fast grass but has much to learn about the shot-sequences appropriate to other surfaces. Services and service returns are paramount at Wimbledon, where the tennis has more in common with draughts than chess. Becker is aware of all that – and aware, too, that his footork needs improving, but he is working had and learning fast.

Lendl's soaring confidence has made him the best player in the world since he won the United States title two months ago. The obvious advances have been in his forecourt game and his backhand, which he now hits down the line at an alarming velocity whenever a true surface – as at Wembley – permits him to take the ball early. Every aspect of his game has matured and, so far, he has been a little too good for Becker.

As a lad, Lendl volleyed a lot because his backhand was shaky. When his backhand became sounder we saw the phase two Lendl, essentially a baseliner with two fierce weapons: his forehand and his first service. He has now moved into phase three and is unlikely to get much better. Edberg beat him earlier this year but Lendl is now less vulnerable, whereas Edberg has recently had ailments in back and shoulder.

Of the 23 players who originally gained direct entry to the draw, seven had to drop out: notably Kevin Curren and Henri Leconte, who have bad ankles. Several other players are nursing minor injuries, which tend to be prevalent at this time of year. The rules of the grand prix circuit, plus a natural interest in making money, encourage players to keep on competing when they should be resting.

This is the fourth and last of Britain's grand prix tournaments. The others were played at Queen's Club, Bristol and Wimbledon. The weekly grand prix events, which provide players with their bread and butter, are graded rather like petrol, with the upper tiers labelled "super" and "regular". This week's tournament is in the top tier and we should be grateful to Benson and Hedges for reviving a proud tradition.

Wembley has been the London shrine of men's professional indoor tennis since 1934 but its heritage flirted with oblivion until the present championships were inaugurated in 1976. A year later John Lloyd was runner-up to Bjorn Borg, almost two years his junior. Nowadays Borg is tending his investments and his private life, but Lloyd works on.

Lloyd and his Davis Cup colleague, Jeremy Bates, were invited to fill two of the three vacancies left to the tournament committee's discretion. In the first round Lloyd plays Jan Gunnarsson (Sweden) and Bates tackles Ben Testerman (United States). Lloyd and Bates are not good enough to get easy matches in a tournament of this status but the draw was kind

DRAW: I Lendl (Cz) v L Stefanki (US), T Smid (Cz) v M Davis (US); A Gomez (Ec) v T Nelson (US), L Pimek (Cz) v J Kriek (US), A Maurer (WG) v D Pate (US); S Zivojinovic (Yug) v G Forget (Fr); S Casal (Sp) v J Nystrom (Switz); A Jarryd (Swe) v H Gunthardt (Switz); B Taroczy (Hun) v M Jaite (Arg); R Krishnan (India) v T Wilkinson (US); J Sadri (US) v Y Noah (Fr); S Davis (US) v M Leach (US); J Lloyd (GB) v J Gunnarsson (Swe), B Testerman (US) v J Bates (GB); S Glickstein (Isr) v B Becker (WG).

Holding court: Boris Becker on the eve of the Benson and Hedges tournament

Planning appeal by Wimbledon

A planning appeal that could affect facilities for indoor play at the All England Club will begin tomorrow morning at Wimbledon Town Hall (Rex Bellamy writes). The club's application to build three additional indoor courts close to the two existing courts alongside Somerset Road were turned down in September 1984.

Merton Borough Council considered that the size of the proposed building would make it too dominant. The council wished to maintain present amenities, retaining a "buffer" of open space with *extensive scope for car parking.*

British team for youth event

Britain will play West Germany in the first round of the girls event in the inaugural World Youth Cup competition, to be held at Kobe, Japan, from tomorrow until Sunday. (Rex Bettamy writes). Britain will be represented by Teresa Catlin, (Cambridgeshire), Sue McCarthy (Avon) and Anne Simpkin (Leicestershire).

The British boys team failed to qualify for these International Tennis Federation team championships for players aged 16 or less. In each event 16 nations will compete on a knock-out basis. Ties will consists of two singles and a doubles.

SQUASH RACKETS

British Challenge finds encouraging response

By Colin McQuillan

On what was a rest day for the national championships, the finals of the British Challenge brought into the elite arena at Bristol yesterday survivors of the largest squash tournament in the world. Indeed, it is difficult to nominate another sport which might approach the 6,500 entries achieved in the 11 categories of this national competition.

British Rail employees, students, accountants, a doctor, a research chemist, even a private investigator from Grimsby, competed on the same all-transparent perspex show-court painstakingly developed over recent seasons for more effective display.

Admittedly spectators were fairly thin around the see-through walls. The early challenge finals even found a cleaning crew still in occupation as they stepped for the first time upon the blue floor and struck up the pale lemon ball developed for television. It was all a far cry from the long and exciting national pursuit of a small black ball around a large white room that eventually brought them to Bristol.

InterCity appear committed to a long-term involvement in the national championships

BRITISH CHALLENGE: Premier Club: R Vengkar beat J Moss 2-9, 9-6, 9-1. Men's BR final: M Tilley beat R Kumar 10-9, 9-6, 9-5. Women's student final: S Burgess beat R Best, 9-2, 9-4, 1-9, 9-0. Men's student final: A Jaski beat A Foley 9-3, 9-0, 9-7, 9-7. Men's veterans final: B Finneran beat R Griffin, 9-7, 9-1, 2-9, 9-7. Women's veterans final: B Sanderson beat P France, 10-8, 9-3, 9-5. Sunday's late results INTER-CITY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men: Third round: S Taylor beat R Robinson, 9-4, 9-0, 9-1; G Williams beat M Heist, 9-5, 10-8, 10-8; M Bodimeade beat R Owen, 9-3, 9-3, 9-2, 9-1; P Kenyon beat R Forde, 2-9, 9-2, 9-1, 9-2. Women: Third round: A Smith beat T Cunliffe, 9-3, 9-0, 9-4; L Soutter beat R Best, 9-7, 9-0, 9-3.

Tough for Bodimeade

Martin Bodimeade of Berkshire, ranked 25th in the world, has drawn the short straw in the first round of the £35,700 world open squash championship in Cairo from November 21 to 25.

The former England junior's opponent will be Pakistan's Jahangir Khan, unbeaten for more than four year and attempting to overtake the Australian Geoff Hunt's record of four world open titles by winning for the fifth time.

The draw has also been unkind to the former England No 1 Phil Kenyon and the national under-23 champion Jamie Hickox who are in the same quarter of the draw as Jahangir.

The second seed Ross Norman, of New Zealand, will face the Australian Steve Bowditch

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL RESULTS

ARGENTINIAN: Talleres Cordoba 2, Boca Juniors 0.
AUSTRIAN: Salzburg AK 0, Admira Wacker 3; Alpine Donawitz 1, Austria Vienna 2; Eisenstadt 0, Rapid Vienna 0; Sturm Graz 4, SSW Innsbruck 2; LASK 3, Austria Klagenfurt 0; [illegible]
BELGIAN: Mechelen 1, FC Liege 0; Antwerp 1, Kortrijk 0; Standard Liege 0, Ghent 0; Lokeren 0, Charleroi 1; Waregem 0, Beveren 1; Waterschei 1, Lierse 0; Anderlecht 0, FC Bruges 0; CS Bruges 1, Beringen 1; Seraing 0, Molenbeek 1. Leading positions: 1, FC Bruges, 22; 2, Ghent; 3, Anderlecht.
CZECH: Banik Ostrava 0, Slavia Prague 0; Sigma Olomouc 0, Lokomotiva Kosice 3; Dynamo Ceske Budejovice 0, Inter Bratislava 0; Sparta Prague 5, Bohemians 1; Tatran Presov 1, Dunajska Streda 1; Cheb 0, [illegible] Bystrica 1, Vitkovice 2. Leading positions: 1, Vitkovice, 17; 2, Sigma Olomouc, 15; 3, Slavia, 15.
DUTCH: PSV Eindhoven 5, Roda 0; AZ 67 2, Go Ahead Eagles 1; MVV Maastricht 1, Feyenoord 1; Excelsior 0, Utrecht 1; Twente Enschede 2, Den Bosch 1; Ajax 4, Fortuna Sittard 1; NEC Nijmegen 1, VVV Venlo 0. Postponed: Groningen v Heracles; Sparta v Haarlem. Leading positions: 1, PSV, 25; 2, Feyenoord, 24; 3, Ajax, 18.
HUNGARIAN: Ferencvaros 2, Tatabanya 0; Siofok 2, Vasas 0; MTK VM 1, Ujpest Dozsa 2; Volan 0, Raba Eto 1; Debrecen 0, Pecs 0; Bekescsaba 1, Honved 3; Szombathely 0, Zalaegerszeg 0; Videoton 1, Csepel 0. Leading positions: 1, Honved, 27; 2, Raba Eto, 20.
ITALIAN: Avellino 0, Torino 0; Bari 0, Atalanta 0; Internazionale 1, Napoli 1; Juventus 3, Roma 1; Pisa 4, Como 1; Sampdoria 2, Lecce 2; Udinese 0, AC Milan 0; Verona 2, Fiorentina 2. Leading positions: 1, Juventus, 18; 2, AC Milan, 14; 3, Internazionale, 13.
POLISH: Stal Mielec 2, Lech Poznan 0; Ruch Chorzow 2, GKS Katowice 2; Widzew Lodz 6, Gornik Walbrzych 1; Gornik Zabrze 1, Motor Lublin 0; Legia Warsaw 0, Zaglebie Sosnowiec 0; Zaglebie Lubin 1, Baltyk Gdynia 0; Pogon Szczecin 1, LKS Lodz 1; [illegible] Leading positions: 1, Gornik Zabrze, 23.
PORTUGUESE: Aves 3, Salgueiros 1; Chaves 0, Benfica 1; Sporting Braga 2, Covilha 1; Academica Coimbra 1, Vitoria Setubal 1; Farense 1, Guimaraes 0; Sporting Lisbon 3, Portimonense 0; Boavista 1, Porto 4. Leading positions: 1, Porto, 18; 2, Sporting, 17; 3, Benfica, 15.
SPANISH: Cadiz 1, Real Valladolid 0; Barcelona 2, Real Madrid 0; Hercules 5, Celta 2; Sevilla 0, Sporting Gijon 0; Osasuna 1, Real Betis 0; Atletico Madrid 5, Valencia 0; Real Zaragoza 1, Espanol 3; Real Sociedad 0, Las Palmas 1; Racing Santander 0, Athletic Bilbao 0. Leading positions: 1, Real Madrid, 17; 2, Sporting, 16; 3, Athletic Bilbao, 16.
SWISS: Grasshoppers Zurich 5, Young Boys Berne 2.
TURKISH: Besiktas 4, Malatyaspor 0; Sariyer 1, Antalyaspor 1; Ankaragucu 0, Denizlispor 0; Bursaspor 1, Kayserispor 2; Kocaelispor 1, Altay 0; Eskisehirspor 1, Orduspor 0; Trabzonspor 3, Genclerbirligi 0; Zonguldakspor 0, Fenerbahce 1. Leading positions: [illegible]
WEST GERMAN: Bayern Munich 0, Borussia Dortmund 1; Werder Bremen 6, Bayer Uerdingen 1; Cologne 3, Nuremberg 1; Hamburg 4, Fortuna Dusseldorf 1; Saarbrucken 2, Waldhof Mannheim 1; Hanover 1, Bochum 2; Schalke 3, Eintracht Frankfurt 1; Stuttgart 5, Kaiserslautern 0; Borussia Monchengladbach 2, Bayer Leverkusen 2. Leading positions: 1, Werder Bremen, 21; 2, Borussia Monchengladbach, 20; 3, Bayern Munich, 18.
YUGOSLAV: Velez Mostar 0, Red Star Belgrade 2; Sutjeska Niksic 1, Partizan Belgrade 1; [illegible] Leading positions: 1, Red Star, 21; 3, Velez, 17.

IN BRIEF

Chasing records

Milan, (AFP) – Gregor Braun, of West Germany, will attempt to become the undisputed world one-hour cycling record holder at the beginning of December. Braun, a member of the Italian professional team, Carrera, will first try to improve Hans Henrik Gersted's world sea-level record of 48.144 kilometres, and follow it up with an attempt on the altitude record of 51.151 kilometres set by Francesco Moser, of Italy. The sea-level record attempt will be made in Santiago, Chile, the altitude ride in Bogota or Mexico City.

Smith put in charge

Steve Smith, the former England captain, is the new England colts' coach, the RFU announced yesterday. Smith takes over from another former international, the Bristol flanker Mike Rafter, who toured with the colts to Canada in the summer, but has since been forced to step down due to pressure of work.

● Rosslyn Park, unbeaten at home for a year, put that record on the line against Exeter University this evening by fielding 10 regular second team players.

RUGBY UNION

RFU offer to sponsors that will bring in £1 million every season

By John Clemison

Within the next 10 days, the Rugby Football union are hoping to sign the first in a series of deals that could lead to every international match at Twickenham being sponsored by a commercial organisation.

While each of the other four home unions have been accepting outside support for games in the Five Nations championship, the RFU have held back on promoting their own home matches. The reticence is about to end, however, as they agree to take what is likely to be in excess of £150,000, linked to one of the international games next spring.

The RFU are maintaining a discreet silence about the deal until the launch day, but there seems no doubt tht their offer of a sponsorship 'package' is proving almost irresistable to potential sponsors.

Although they did agree to a joint sponsorship scheme with the Welsh Rugby Union and British Gas to support the next four matches between Engalnd and Wales, this is the first time that they have pulled in a large sum of sponsorship money off their own bat.

Michael Coley, the man whom the RFU appointed last September to be their first marketing manager, has produced brochures, slides and video-cassettes to convince sponsors that the union really do mean business.

Coley, aged 40, a former London Welsh and Harlequins player and the present secretary of the South-west area of London Referees' Society, is well qualified to sell the RFU having sold baked beans for H J Heinz and perfume for Estée Lauder, and run his own marketing consultancy.

Last Friday, Coley gave the first full-blown presentation to a sponsor. Results were encouraging. Coley wants to enrich the game's bank accounts without interfering with or intruding on its cherished amateur nature, and in that he has the full support of Bob Weighill, the RFU secretary.

"I want to raise £1 million a season for the RFU through sponsorship." Coley said confidently. "I'm already well on the way to making £500,000 by the end of this season. We need only 10 sponsors to make a million, and I think we can do it. We have a superb product: a good game watched by millions with – touch wood – a clean, health image."

The RFU have been developing their marketing of the game over the last three years, along the broad lines that sponsorship monies go into the upkeep of Twickenham leaving gate monies available for the game, its teaching and development at grass roots level. When the Union launched forth upon marketing in 1982, their long-term aspiration was to enhance their headquarters with a North Stand to match that at the South end – ultimately of course, the whole arena will be modernised.

The game itself, though, is to him sacrosanct, and he regards its amateur ethic as its keystone. His brief goes as far as the game and no further. "True, Nike do have an agreement to supply the boots to the England team, but that is as far as we're prepared to go. When we draw up any contract, we make it absolutely clear where we stand on the question of amateurism."

The sponsors are being offered a wide range of benefits in return for signing a three-year basic deal, at a cost of between £100,000 and £120,000.

Apart from being given the right to advertise at Twickenham in such a position that the television cameras can hardly miss the hoarding, there are plenty of 'goodies' from 'exclusive merchandise bearing the RFU badge' to preferential tickets that can be offered as sales incentives to employers.

There is also the right to use hospitality suites in the South Stand, and representation at the post-international banquets at the Hilton Hotel.

One sensitive area is tobacco, and Coley himself has mixed feelings on the subject. "We have always found John Player, our club competition sponsors, are superb, and understand why we don't want to see them giving away cigarettes to the general public. I want good sponsors like them, but I also want to be sure that the game can maintain its clean, healthy image."

Milne: rebuilding game

Degrees of talent at Oxford

Major R. V. Stanley's XV will present a splendidly cosmopolitan pair of half backs for examination by Oxford University in the annual match at Iffley Road on November 20 (David Hands writes). Seiji Hirao, the Japanese centre currently appearing in Richmond's colours, will play stand-off half served by Alessandro Ghini, Italy's scrum half.

Stanley's, aided by the sponsorship of Yamaichi International, have assembled a diverse mixture of internationals from eight countries, together with the youthful promise of Emyr and Halliday, both of whom may soon be capped by their respective countries. The side includes three Oxford blues in Halliay, MacNeill, captain two years ago, and Mallet, the No. 8 capped by South Africa and now playing for and coaching the French second division club, St Claude.

Rives, the former captain of France, had been lured out of semi-retirement and Milne, Scotland's tight-head prop who has been struggling with a groin injury for the last two months, will be building his game towards the Scottish inter-district championship. Milne played for Harlequins's second team at the weekend, helping to give Oxford University Greyhounds a drubbing.

Hirao, prevented from playing in his preferred position of stand-off in the Japanese international team by the now-retired Matsuo, has appeared on the wing for Richmond.

MAJOR R V STANLEY'S XV: H MacNeill (London Irish and Ireland); A Morley (Bristol and England), B Mullin (Dublin University and Ireland), S Halliday (Bath), A Emyr (Swansea); S Hirao (Richmond and Japan), A Ghini (Parma and Italy); S Evans (Swansea and Wales), A Phillips (Cardiff and Wales), I Milne (Harlequins and Scotland), J-P Rives (Racing Club and France), M Slagter (Richmond), W Cuthbertson (Harlequins and Scotland), N Mallet (St Claude and South Africa), A Ripley (Rosslyn Park and England, captain).

Fijians aim to go back to basics

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

It is impossible, much as one would like to do so, to ignore the last result of the 10 match Fijian tour of Ireland and Wales which ended at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday. The 40-3 defeat the touring side sustained against Wales placed them firmly in context when one considers their partnership in the world tournament in 1987.

Their game is much more than an extended version of sevens but they offer no alternative and the situation is unlikely to change within two years. Between now and 1987 they will take part in the three nations championship - that is, Fiji, Tonga and Western Samoa - early next June and the new Pacific tournament involving the leading Australian and New Zealand state and provincial sides.

They will not suddenly be turned into a nation of scrumagers and ball-winners - it is not their game and, selfishly, we may be grateful for what. If the smaller countries round the world became shadows of the greater, rather then developing their own strengths and national idiosyncrasies, what a boring game it would be.

During the Fijians' visit to Swansea, team members presented proficiency certificates to young players at a local school. Josaia Taka, their manager, said at the tour's end: "I will recommend in my tour report that we concentrate on basic skills," he said. "My players realised where they were lacking." Fiji could at least develop a reasonable rucking game, then their talented backs would receive more usable ball.

To their credit, the Fijians redeemed the memory of their 1982 predecessors who left behind such a sad, ill-tempered impression. This year they won five games, against Cross Keys, Swansea, Connacht, Newport and London Welsh, showing a distinct improvement in their approach to set-piece play which enabled them to live with the strong Newport forwards.

They scored 155 points, including 21 tries, against 188, the result of the final game providing an imbalance; before that game the points difference was 152 against 148. If there was some unhappiness in the dismissal at Newport of the young lock, Savai, the memory is more likely to retain images of Tuvula speeding clear of Ireland's cover, of Tawake's exuberant dive for a try against Cross Keys.

And if we are minded to be dismissive of Fiji in world terms, it is as well to bear in mind England's results in South Africa and New Zealand during the last two years. The four home unions have ground to make up on the southern hemisphere; if our national sides are as fit and as fast as these Fijians, can run and handle with such felicity, in two years time then we will have benefited from this draught of South Sea air.

SCHOOLS RESULTS

Backwell 6, Cheltenham GS 10; Bancroft's 10, Colchester RGS 19; Barnard Castle 4, St Bees 27, Bearwood 3, Pierrepont 13; Bedford Modern 0, Loughborough GS 10; Berkhamstead 8, Mill Hill 0; Birkenhead 35, Ellesmere 0; Bishop's Stortford 24, Framlingham 0; Bishop Vesey's 15, Warwick 26; Bloxham 7, Dean Close 3; Blundell's 15, Canford 3.

Caterham 21, Hurstpierpoint 6; Campion 61, Gunnersbury 0; Cheshunt 16, Alleyne's, Stevenage 10; Churcher's 4, Lord Wandsworth 16; Colfe's 12, St Mary's, Sidcup 10; Colston's 7, Prior Park 4; Culford 12, The Leys 12; Denstone 3, Worksop 17; Desborough 6, Lord Williams's, Thame 9; Douai 9, Oratory 18; Downside 0, Sherborne 9; Dulwich 10, Whitgift 4.

Durham 0, Sedbergh 22; Eltham 3, Duke of York's R.M.S. 3; Emanuel 18, Tiffin 8; Exeter 4, Tavistock 3; Felsted 0, King's Canterbury 25; Giggleswick 13, Stonyhurst 28; Guildford R.G.S. 44, Rutlish 0; Haberdashers' Aske's Elstree 10, Merchant Taylors', Northwood 18; Hipperholme G.S. 8, King Edward VII, Sheffield 0, Hitchin 30, Enfield G.S. 13; Kent College 32, Dover College 19; King Edward's, Bath 21, Dauntsey's 7, King Edward VI, Birmingham 7, King's, Worcester 6; King William's, I.O.M. 6, Waterloo Colts R.F.C. 0; King's, Ely 10, Wymondham 18; King's Taunton 35, Christ's College, Brecon 6; Kingswood 9, Taunton 12; Llandovery 7, Monmouth 13; London Oratory 44, Viner's 6; Magdalen C.S. Brackley 3, Old Brackleians 28; Marling 3, Chosen Hill 6; Mount St Mary's 0, Trent 9.

Newcastle-under-Lyme 17, Bromsgrove 10; Normanton FHS 9, Ermysted's Skipton 19; North Leamington 24, John Cleveland 0; Oakham 25, Ratcliffe 4; Old Swinford Hospital 15, Belmont Abbey 14; Oundle 14, Stowe 13; Plymouth College 12, Smithfield 12; Pocklington 15, Bradford GS 8; QEH, Bristol 8, Clifton 20.

Radley 9, Cheltenham 8; Reed's 0, Brighton 15; Reigate GS 12, Epsom 6; Royal Luton 26, Magdalen CS Oxford 10; St Benedict's, Ealing 4, John Fisher 10; St Dunstan's 12, KCS Wimbledon 0; St John's, Leatherhead 17, St George's, Weybridge 3; St Joseph's, Blackheath 6, Hampton GS 22; St Joseph's, Ipswich 28, Ipswich 0; St Lawrence, Ramsgate 16, Sutton Valence 0; St Olave's 6, Chislehurst and Sidcup 11; St Peter's, York 12, Ampleforth 11.

Seaford 18, Portsmouth GS 10; Shebbear 19, St Boniface 4, Silcoates 26, Ripon GS 10; Skinners 18, Tonbridge RFC Colts 3; Stamford 3, Gresham's 6; Stockport GS 12, King's, Macclesfield 14; Tonbridge 6, Haileybury 4; Trinity, Croydon 13, Latymer Upper 0.

Uppingham 6, Bedford 3; Verulam 0, St George's, Harpenden 7; Wellington, Somerset 8, King's, Bruton 9; Wells Cathedral 25, Allhallows 0; West Buckland 53, Kelly 0; Wimbledon College 13, City Freeman's 0; Woodbridge 6, Norwich 27; Woodhouse Grove 19, Harrogate GS 13; Wrekin 0, Solihull 35.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Management committee to see report on brawl

By Keith Macklin

The brawl which required police intervention during Saturday's international between Great Britain and New Zealand at Elland Road will be discussed by the Rugby League Management committee at their meeting in Leeds tomorrow.

The committee will consider a report submitted by Australian referee Barry Gomersall, who flew home yesterday after controlling all three matches in the series.

David Oxley, the secretary general of the Rugby League, commented: "Although everyone deplores the brawl which took place in the second half, it was less than one minute in 80. The game itself was one for the connoisseur of Rugby League, for the man who likes his meat rare. It was gripping throughout, and no one expected it to be an exhibition game, with the series at stake.

"It was a game of hard, ruthless tackling and the closeness of the scores kept the tension alive throughout. During this series, more than 1500 tackles have been made, and it would be surprising if some of them did not transgress the laws of the game."

Harry Pinner, the Great Britain captain, who received stitches in a head wound, said: "It was a crunching, hard game, with no prisoners taken, but what can you expect with so much at stake for both sides? Yes, it was very hard out there, but I have been in much dirtier games than that, and we expected the Kiwis to come at us hard after we thrashed them 25-8 in the second match. There was no ill-feeling after the game and we all had a drink togehter."

Pinner revealed that Gomersall had told both captains before the game that in the event of a brawl, he would let play proceed to allow the attacking side to set up a scoring chance. "We almost got through as the brawl was taking place," Pinner said.

● Ron Campbell, from Widnes, was yesterday appointed to take charge of the two internationals between France and New Zealand on November 24 and December 8.

● Petitions to wind up two clubs, Keighley and York, were dismissed yesterday at the Royal Courts of Justice, London. Proceedings in both cases were begun by the Inland Revenue, who applied for the proceedings to be dimissed following agreements with both clubs.

● British players who join overseas clubs on short-term contracts during the summer, must return to this country for the start of the League programme in August, the Rugby League Council has decided.

IN BRIEF

Francisco loses to young Scottish player

Stephen Hendry, the youngest professional snooker player at 16, created another upset in the Mercantile Credit Classic at the Spectrum Arena, Warrington, yesterday, defeating the world No 14, Silvino Francisco, 5-4.

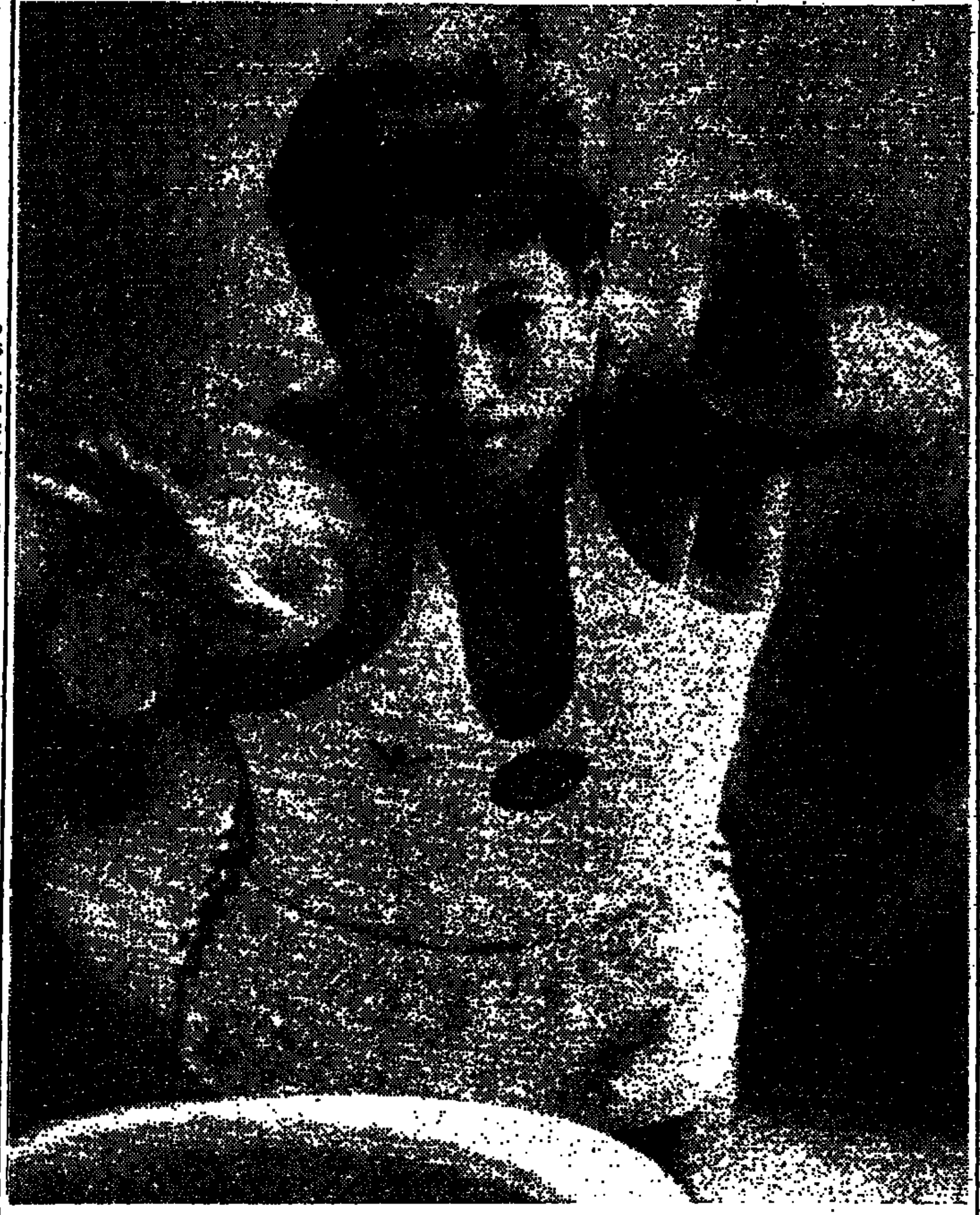
Hendry, the former Scottish amateur champion, had to take the last two frames to oust Francisco, who last season won the Dulux British Open. Four of the world's top 16 have now been eliminated. One of he other casualties, Kirk Stevens, lost in the early hours of Monday morning, going down 5-2 to the former world champion, Fred Davis.

SKIING: The women's World Cup season will start a day earlier than scheduled on December 5, and at another venue, France's Puy St Vincent, the International Ski Federation (FIS) said yesterday. The opening downhill had been fixed for the Italian resort, San Sicario.

GOLF: Robert Lee, of Great Britain, won the Brazilian Open by One stroke with a total of 272 after taking 71, three over par, on his final round.

RUGBY LEAGUE: David Finch, Oldham's £5,000 signing from Castleford, is facing a two-month lay-off. Finch, 26, a forward, who has just made his comeback after a year out of the game with a knee injury, is to go into hospital for a cartilage operation.

GYMNASTICS



The man with the golden arms: Korolev winning one of his four golds in Montreal

Soviets prove as good as gold

Montreal (Reuter) – The rejuvenation of Yuri Koroler and the emergence of two new women stars laid the foundations for the Soviet Union's domination of the world championships which ended on Sunday. Until the final day, they had taken every gold on offer.

Korolev had been struggling with his form since 1981. But, with perfect timing, he got it all back to collect four gold medals and a silver in the week.

While the 23-year-old dominated the men's events, Elena Shoushounova and Oksana Omeliantchik swept all before them in the women's competition. The pair helped the Soviets to their ninth team title since 1950, then shared the gold in the individual overall championship with a succession of graceful displays. Each took their personal total of golds in the week to three.

Omeliantchik, the 15-year-old darling of the crowd, stole the limelight when she scored a 10 to win the floor title. It was her second maximum mark of the championships and her dazzling routine denied Shoushounova by the narrowest margins.

The 16-year-old from Liningrad, though, has already secured victory over Olympic champion Ecaterina Szabo, of Romaniain the vault final. Omeliantchik's 10 was only the seventh of the week, a strict marking system being in effect.

The other 10 of the night was claimed by the petite Romanian, Daniela Silivas, a definite star of the future. Her purposeful performance on the beam swept her to her first world championship gold.

Tong Fei collected the only 10 awarded during the men's competition, on the high bar in the optional programme of the team competition.

Apparatus finals

MEN: Floor exercise – 1, Tong Fei (China), 19.750 pts; 2, Y Korolev (USSR), 19.275; 3, Li Ning (China), 19.650. Pommel Horse – 1, V Mogilnyi (USSR), 19.750; 2, Li Ning, 19.650; 3, H Konishi (Japan), 19.625. Rings – 1, Li Ning and Y Korolev, 19.750; K Yamawaki (Japan) and Y Balabanov (USSR), 19.800. Vault – 1, Y Korolev, 19.625; 2, Yun Lou (China) and L Barbieri (Fr), 19.575. Parallel Bars – 1, S Kroll (EG) and V Mogilnyi (USSR), 19.800; 3, K Gushiken (Japan), 19.75. High Bar – 1, Tong Fei (China), 19.850; 2, Kroll (EG), 19.725; 3, M Watanabe (Japan), 19.700.

WOMEN: Asymmetric Bars – 1, G Fahnrich (EG), 19.938; 2, D Kersten (EG), 19.763; 3, H Ricna (Cz), 19.488. Vault – 1, E Shoushouova (USSR), 19.826; 2, E Szabo (Rom), 19.650; 3, Kersten, 19.625. Balance Beam – 1, D Silivas (Rom), 19.813; 2, Szabo, 19.775; 3, Shoushoumeva, 19.575. Floor Exercise – 1, O Omeliantchik (USSR), 19.900; 2, Shoushounova, 19.888; 3, U Klotz (EG), 19.775

BOXING

Currie is to tackle Kilimanjaro

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Currie: big chance

Hughroy Currie, the British heavyweight champion, gets his chance to wipe out the memory of that stinker of a title bout with Funso Banjo when he takes on Proud Kilimanjaro, the African champion, from Zimbabwe, at the Splott Leisure Centre, Cardiff, on November 30.

Kilimanjaro is ranked ninth in the World Boxing Council (WBC) ratings and should Currie beat him, he will not only join Frank Bruno in the top 10 but he will also be in a position to challenge Bruno for the European title, or Trevor Berbick, of Canada, for the Commonwealth title. "This fight will show us what Currie can do", his manager, Frank Warren, said yesterday. "It will give him a chance to come out of Bruno's shadow."

Kilimanjaro has not got the solid amateur background of a good African boxer, having had only four amateur bouts. He started life as a goalkeeper for Umtali United, but he proved so successful in seeing off villains in street fights in his village that he turned to boxing in 1981. Soon afterwards, he won the African title, which he has defended four times.

The 6ft 3in, 16st fighter is soft spoken, has soft hands and a soft face, with a lost-country-lad-in-the-big-city look about him, but he may not be quite the soft touch Warren may be hoping for. He is unbeaten in 21 contests, winning 16 of them by knockouts. His five opponents in 1985 left the ring early nursing sore heads for all their colourful bravado: Black Tiger went in eight, Captain Marvel was sent flying in five and Jukebox was dismantled in four.

HOCKEY

Mallett leads England

Neil Mallett, of Bournville, has been chosen to lead England in the invitation tournament at Ipoh, Malaysia, from November 27 to December 3 (Sydney Friskin writes). The squad of 16 includes John Hurst, Britain's second choice goalkeeper, who is already in Perth (Australia) for the Champions Trophy tournament starting there on Saturday.

Steve Taylor, of Stourport, who will understudy Hurst at Ipoh, is one of six uncapped players in the England squad. The others are, Swayne, Soma Singh, Skinner, Ferns and Camilleri. Mallet has been capped 24 times for England.

ENGLAND SQUAD: J Hurst (St Albans), S Taylor (Stourport), N Mallet (Bournville, captain), D Craig (Southgate), D Knott (Slough), N Clark (Southgate), J Shaw (Southgate), I Jennings (Guildford), G Swayne (Beckenham), Soma Singh (Khalsa), R Skinner (Isca), A Diamond (Richmond), I Sherwani (Stone), A Ferns (Southport), N Gordon (Army), D Camilleri (Old Loughtonians).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Second division

Charlton Athletic v Fulham (7.45)

GOLA LEAGUE: Kettering v Frickley.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Chorley v Morecambe; Horwich v Macclesfield; Marine v Caernarfon; Southport v Gainsborough; Witton v Workington.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedworth v Worcester; Crawley v Chelmsford; Gravesend v Fisher. Midland division: Banbury v Forest Green; Leamington v Bridgnorth; Stourbridge v Coventry Sporting. Southern division: Chatham v Woodford; Corinthian v Burnham and Hillingdon; Erith and Belvedere v Sheppey; Thanet v Canterbury. Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Redditch v Witney; Trowbridge v RS Southampton.

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Derby v Leeds; Everton v Blackburn; Manchester City v Aston Villa (6.45); Sheffield Wednesday v Liverpool; Wigan v Sheffield United (7.30). Second division: Blackpool v Rotherham; Burnley v Bolton; Coventry v Doncaster; Notts County v Bradford City; Oldham v Grimsby; Sunderland v Preston (7.30).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Fulham v West Ham (2.0); Portsmouth v Reading (7.0); Swindon v Arsenal (2.30).

BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: Second round: Maidenhead United v Chalfont St Peter; Windsor and Eton v Slough; Wokingham v Bracknell; Wycombe v Hungerford.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Enfield v Croydon.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Hayes v Carshalton; Kingstonian v Barking; Sutton United v Dulwich Hamlet. First division: Basildon v Wembley; Grays v Boreham Wood; Hornchurch v Finchley; Leytonstone/Ilford v Bromley; Tilbury v Leyton-Wingate. Second division north: Haringey v Clapton; Kingsbury v Harefield; Royston v Cheshunt; Ware v Berkhamsted. Second division south: Dorking v Horsham; Metropolitan Police v Egham; Molesey v Eastbourne United; Newbury v Ruislip; Southall v Woking; Whyteleafe v Southwick.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Braintree v Newmarket; Colchester Reserves v Harwich and Parkeston; Great Yarmouth v Thetford.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE INVITATION CUP: Cambridge City v Ely; Histon v Wisbech; March v Great Shelford.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Bristol Manor Farm v Bristol City Reserves; Paulton v Exmouth; Shepton Mallet v Weston-super-Mare.

NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier Division: Rothwell v Wootton; Stamford v Desborough.

MORRITT HOMES CAPITAL LEAGUE: Southend v Gillingham.

HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier Division: Pegasus Juniors v Shortwood.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier Division: Chertsey v Horley.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Watford XI v Hertfordshire FA (7.45).

RUGBY UNION

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE 'A': Nottingham v Leicester (7.15).

CLUB MATCH: Rosslyn Park v Exeter University (7.15).

COURAGE CUP: Second round: Medway v Sidcup (at Gravesend RFC, 7.30).

OTHER SPORT

ICE HOCKEY: Norwich Union Cup: English final: Second leg: Durham Wasps v Nottingham Panthers (7.30). Foster's Midland League: Telford Tigers v Solihull Barons (8.0).

TENNIS: Benson and Hedges tournament (at Wembley); LTA women's event (at Queen's Club).

SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit Classic (at Warrington); World Amateur Championship (at Blackpool).

SQUASH RACKETS: Inter-City National Championships (at Bristol).

RACKETS: Noel Bruce Cup (at Queen's Club).

BASKETBALL: Prudential National Cup: Quarter-final: Manchester United v Kingston (at Stretford, 8.0).

CRICKET

Matthews sparkles in late defiance

Brisbane, (Reuter) – The Australian sixth-wicket pair Allan Border and Greg Mathews took part in spirited rearguard action on the fourth day of the first Test match here yesterday. An historic New Zealand victory remained the most likely outcome.

At close of play Australia were 266 for six in their second innings, still needing 100 to make New Zealand bat again. The score was a considerable improvement on their position soon after lunch when they were 67 for five but New Zealand's first Test victory in Australia still seems assured.

Border, who made 106 not out, and Matthews dismissed shortly before the close for 115, provided Australia's first show of resistance in the match as they added 197 in 229 minutes.

Until they came together it seemed that for the second successive year Rememborance Day would be marked by an abject Australian performance, 12 months ago West Indies having bowled them out for 76.

The traditional minute's silence observed at 11 o'clock for Australia's war dead was followed immediately by a stunning act of self destruction.

Hilditch, repeating the stroke that caused his downfall in England earlier this year and in the first innings here hooked Haolee into the hands of Chatfield at fine leg.

Earlier, Chatfield had undermined Australia's second innings by having Wessels caught at short leg and Boon taken by wicketkeeper Smith as he fended at a rising ball.

Hilditch's dismissal made the score 16 for three, a total which became 67 for five after Ritchie fell to a slip catch off Snedden and Phillips was bowled by Hadlee.

But for the next four hours Australians at last had cause to rejoice as Border and Matthews denied New Zealand a further breakthrough.

The two men provided a marked contrast in temperament. Border was full concentration, but the flamboyant Matthews, whose previous highest Test score was 75, performed a jig, then bounded towards his girlfriend in the crowd after lofting a six over mid-wicket to reach his hundred.

AUSTRALIA: First innings 179 (K C Wessels 70, R J Hadlee 9-52).

Second innings

A J Hilditch c Chatfield b Hadlee	12
K C Wessels c Chatfield b Hadlee	3
D C Boon c Smith b Chatfield	1
*A R Border not out	106
G M Ritchie c Coney b Snedden	20
†W B Phillips b Hadlee	2
G R G Matthews c Coney b Hadlee	115
C J McDermott not out	1
Extras (lbw 3, nb 3)	6
Total (6 wkts)	266

D R Gilbert, G F Lawson and R G Holland to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-16, 3-16, 4-47, 5-67, 6-264.

BOWLING: Hadlee 20-7-46-3; Chatfield 22-7-55-2; Snedden 17-3-62-1; Crowe 6-2-10-0; Brown 22-4-67-0; Coney 3-1-8-0.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings: 553 for 7 dec (M D Crowe 188, J F Reid 108, R J Hadlee 54).

Captaincy for Rice

Johannesburg, (Reuter) – The South African all-rounder Clive Rice was appointed captain yesterday for the series against the rebel Australian cricketers starting later this month. The appointment of Rice was no surprise after his continued success as captain of Nottinghamshire last season in England.

Pakistan hurry home

Karachi (Reuter) – Pakistan raced to a comfortable victory by two wickets over Sri Lanka in the third and final Test match to win the series 2–0.

Pakistan needed only 98 runs to win the Test after Sri Lanka were all out for 230 in their second innings 26 minutes after resuming play on the fourth day.

The opening batsmen, Mudassar Nazar and Mohsin Khan, reached the target in 74 minutes to end the match with three and a half hours and a day to spare.

Mudassar, who led the home side yesterday as Javed Miandad and, captain elect, Timran Khan were both on the injured list, was unbeaten with 57 and Mohsin, who batted despite a slight temperature, was not out, 37.

Sri Lanka bowled and fielded tidily without success and of the four bowlers used, only Wijesuriya made any impression. But he was brought on too late to check the flow of runs.

Sri Lanka had scored 162 in the first innings and Pakistan replied with 295.

The first Test at Faisalabad last month was drawn and Pakistan won the second at Sialkot

SRI LANKA: First innings, 162 (Abdul Qadir 5 for 44).

Second innings

S Wettimuny c Yousuf b Imran	10
J R Ratnayeke c Yousuf b Imran	3
A de Silva c Yousuf b Tauseef	105
R L Dias c Malik b Qadir	4
A Ranatunga c Yousuf b Akram	25
†A P Gurusinghe c Yousuf b Tauseef	12
*L R D Mendis b Imran	2
R S Madugalle b Tauseef	5
A L F de Mel lbw b Tauseef	18
R J Ratnayake c Qasim Omar b Tauseef	22
R G C E Wijesuriya not out	3
Extras (b 5, l-b 11, n-b 5)	21
Total	230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-15, 3-57, 4-104, 5-132, 6-139, 7-157, 8-191, 9-221, 10-230.

BOWLING: Imran 14.1-6-28-3; Akram 14-4-24-1; Qadir 23-5-4-102-1; Mudassar 3-0-6-0; Tauseef Ahmed 28.2-8-54-5.

PAKISTAN: First innings: 295 (Javed Miandad 63, Imran Khan 63, Rameez Raja 52; A de Mel 6 for 109)

Second innings

Mudassar Nazar not out	57
Mohsin Khan not out	36
Extras (b 1, l-b 3, n-b 1)	5
Total (no wkt)	98

BOWLING: de Mel, 3-0-28-0; Ratnayeke, 4-0-33-0; Ratnayake, 6-1-24-0; Wijesuriya 3.4-2-9-0.

£15,000 aid

Bradford's Park Avenue cricket ground has been granted a reprieve. District councillors yesterday agreed to a £15,000 grant.

YACHTING

Little calm after Cape storm

Cape Town – With just two yachts still to reach here yesterday, at the end of the first stage of the Whitbread Round-the-World Race, interest now centres on the repairs to Simon LeBon's British yacht, Drum, and an appeal to the Royal Yachting Association by Eric Tabarly, the French skipper, over keel changes to his Belgian maxi, Cote d'Or (Barry Pickthall writes).

LeBon's composite constructed maxi, which lost its keel and capsized during the recent Fastnet Race, suffered extensive structural problems during the storm that greeted the fleet leaders as they neared the Cape two weeks ago.

The yacht's builders, who flew out from London at the weekend, have found a large crack in the hull forward of the keel, thought to have been caused by the excessive loadings placed on Drum's new rig. Ron Holland, Drum's designer, arrives today.

Taberly, whose yacht also sustained damage to its hull during the Cape storm, initially had his application to change Cote d'Or's keel accepted but this was rescinded

The French skipper insists that his yacht, which has a strong tendency to submarine when running before the wind, is too dangerous to take into the Southern Ocean in its present state.

He intends to change the keel and test the Royal Naval Association's threat to impose a time penalty, by appealing directly to the RYA, whose rules govern this marathon.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men's first division: Sparrings Solent 76 (Robinson 20, Whitehead 18, Lewis 12), Sharp Manchester United 79 (Wil Brown 26, Tom Brown 21, Jones 17); Manchester Giants 68 (Brookins 21, Kennedy 19, Scott 12), Nissan Worthing 62 (Jenkins 13, Burns 11, Hungrecker 11); Portsmouth FC 72 (Dassie 22, Irish 15, Cunningham 11); Sharp Manchester United (Gardner 16, Balogun 15, Will Brown 14); Homespare Bolton & Bury 111 (Graves 32, Martin 29, McAuley 13), London Docklands Crystal Palace 134 (Jennings 41, Stimpson 21, Jeremich 17); Polycel Kingston 111 (Clark 33, Davis 29, Bontrager 19), GRS Sunderland 104 (Dykstra 38, Alexander 19, Brown 18); Happy Eater Bracknell 137 (Lawrence 37, Scantlebury 30, Lynch 25), Walkers Crisps Leicester 138 (Young 52, Vaughan 42, Meagher 25) (After overtime, score at full time 130-130); Brunel Ducks Uxbridge 80 (Roberts 26), Birmingham Bullets 88 (Hays 21, Pollard 21, Shoulders 21).

First division

	P	W	L	Pts
Kingston	12	11	1	24
Portsmouth FC	8	8	0	16
B'ham Bullets	10	6	4	12
Man Giants	7	5	2	10
Man United	8	5	3	10
Walkers Leics	9	5	4	10
Hemel+Watford	10	5	5	10
S Solent	10	5	5	10
Crystal Palace	8	5	3	8*
Bracknell	9	4	5	8
Uxbridge	9	3	6	6
Worthing	8	2	6	4
GRS Sunderland	9	2	7	4
McEwan Tyneside	9	1	8	2
Homespare Bolton	10	1	9	2

Men's second division: Brixton 102, Peterborough 76; English Estates Cleveland 95, Derby Turbos 115; ANC Liverpool 104, Swindon Rakers 108; Team Wakefields Nottingham 104, Calderdale Explorers 103; Oldham Celtics 79, Tower Hamlets 101; Plymouth Raiders 115, Team Telecom Colchester 88. Women's first division: Chamos Swifts Derby 70, London YMCA 73; Polycell Kingston 50, Avon Cosmetics Northampton 84; Sheffield Hatters 69, Swindon 62; TCB Worthing 53, Louvelle Machester Giants 62. Women's second division: Solent 57, Lynn 56. Women's trophy, second round: Ashby 34, Hemel and Watford 81; Solent 61, London Jets 79; Ipswich 74, Corvus Cornix Royston 56; Gt Yarmouth 55, Enfield 48; Brixton 91, Marchwood 55.

UNITED STATES: National Basketball Association: Philadelphia 76ers 105, Milwaukee Bucks 97; Portland Trail Blazers 110, Cleveland Cavaliers 107; Golden State Warriors 117, Sacramento Kings 111.

CYCLING

MUNICH: Six-day race (After fourth night): 1, U Freuler (Switz) R Pijnen (Neth) 232 pts; 2, C Tourne and de Wilde (Bel) 217. One lap behind: 3, D Thurau and J Kristen (WG) 204; 4, G Wiggins (Aus) and A Doyle (GB) 166. Two laps: 5, H H Oersted (Den) and R Hermann (Liech) 131.

SQUASH RACKETS

LE MANS: International tournament: Finals: Men: L Leiner (Swe) bt F Donnelly (Aus), 1-9, 7-9, 9-5, 9-6, 9-1. Women: G Campion (GB) bt O Cuenca (Sp), 9-2, 9-1, 9-1.

HOCKEY

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Norwich Union East: Under 21 final: Cambridgeshire 3, Hertfordshire 0.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: London Indians 4, The Army 0 (at Surbiton HC).

FOOTBALL

ASUNCION: World Cup: South American play-off, first leg: Paraguay 3, Chile 0.

CRICKET

MELBOURNE: Sheffield Shield: Tasmania 328; Victoria 332 for six.

RUGBY UNION

HERTS MERIT TABLE: Old Verulamians 0, Letchworth GC 19.
SCHOOLS MATCH: Leeds GS 13, Queen Elizabeth's GS, Wakefield 6.
MOSCOW: FIRA championship: Group A: Soviet Union 15, Italy 18.

GOLF

RIO DE JANEIRO: Brazilian Open: Leading final scores: 172: R Lee (GB), 71, 66, 64, 71. 273: E Romero (Arg), 66, 65, 72, 70; R Rafferty (Ire), 68, 73, 68, 64; M Martin (Sp), 68, 71, 70, 69; A Sowa (Arg), 68, 66, 70, 69; H Carbonetti (Arg), 69, 67, 67, 70. 275: E Caballero (Arg), 68, 67, 68, 72. 276: J Gonzalez (Br), 72, 67, 68, 69. 277: F German (Br), 69, 69, 71, 68; M Johnson (GB), 64, 73, 71, 69.

TENNIS

TAMPA: Florida Open: women's singles final: S Rehe (US) bt G Sabatini (Arg), 6-4, 6-7, 7-5.
BRISBANE: Women's tournament: First round (Australian unless stated): Jo Durie (GB) bt M Jaggard, 7-5, 6-4; E Inoue (Japan) bt C Reynolds (US) 6-4, 3-6, 7-5; A Betzner (WA) bt J Young (US) 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; L Spain-Short (US) bt M Schropp (WA) 7-6, 7-5, 6-2; S Amiach (Fr) bt T Morton, 6-2, 6-3; S Gomer (GB) bt M Yanagi (Japan), 6-2, 6-4; A Holikova (Cz) bt R Marsikova (Cz), 6-4, 6-7 (7-4), 7-6 (7-5); A Henrickson (US) bt A Tobin, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4; A Hobbs (GB) bt B Gerken (US) 6-4, 6-4; L Field bt B Cordwell (NZ) 6-2, 6-4; R Fairbank (SA) bt J Thompson, 7-5, 6-3; E Minter bt E Krapl (Switz) 6-2, 6-1; C Suire (Fr) bt Hu Na (US), 6-4, 7-6 (7-1); L Smylie bt M Lindstrom (Swe), 4-6, 7-6, 6-2; S Cherneva (USSR) bt G Fernandez (US), 6-2, 5-7, 6-2; H Ludloff (US) bt M Van Nostrand (US), 6-4, 7-6 (7-4); C Monteiro (Br) bt A Brown (GB), 6-2, 6-2; K Skronska (Cz) bt C Bartos (Hun) 7-5, 6-2.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCH: Wellington (R C H Bruce and P A Huxtable) bt Winchester (A Paterson and J Byng), 15-1, 15-11, 15-8, 15-13.
NOEL BRUCE CUP: First round: Wellington I (W J Maltby and J Mallinson) bt Clifton II (J Fensley and J Bretton), 15-9, 15-12, 15-7, 15-5.
ADD TENNIS
QUEEN'S CLUB: LTA women's indoor tournament: First round: P Tesarova (CZ) bt L Ferrando (It), 6-4, 6-1; B Pollett (Austria) bt J Langstaff, 2-6, 6-2, 7-5; V Paquet (Fr) bt D Parnell, 6-2, 6-0; R Walser (WG) bt N Housset (Fr), 4-6, 7-5, 6-0; E Jones bt M Pinterova (Cz), 6-2, 6-1; J Novotna (Cz) bt B Borneo, 6-4, 6-4; P Etchemendy (Fr) bt K Brasher, 6-4, 6-2; D Moise (Rom) bt N Ballet (Fr), 6-3, 6-3.

SNOOKER

WARRINGTON: Mercantile Credit Classic: Second round: M Fisher bt J Rea 5-3; G Cripsey bt S Newbury 5-4; J Fitzmaurice bt P Fagan 5-3; P Houlihan bt R Foldvari (Aus) 5-4. Third round: B Werbeniuk (Can) bt G Foulds 5-3; N Foulds bt M Bradley 5-3; B Mikkelsen (Can) bt R Reardon 5-3; F Davis bt K Stevens (Can) 5-2; T Meo bt J O'Boye 5-3; C Thorburn (Can) bt J McLaughlin (N Ire) 5-1; S Davis bt R Chaperon (Can) 5-1; S Hendry bt S Francisco (SA) 5-4; J Johnson bt B Harris 5-4; D O'Kane (NZ) bt P Medati 5-0; J Campbell (Aus) bt J Donnelly 5-2; E Hughes bt J Wych (Can) 5-2; D Mountjoy bt W King (Aus) 5-4.

BLACKPOOL: World amateur championship: Group A: P Mifsud (Malta) bt J Long (Ire) 4-3; M Hallgren (Swe), bt I Adam (Maur) 4-0; R Marshall bt J Allen 4-1; K Irwin (N Ire) bt M Lamoy (Bel) 4-1; Long bt Hallgren 4-2; A Essam (Egypt) bt Adam 4-0. Group B: S Sawant (India) bt T Seelim (Thai) 4-2; J McNellan bt T Whitbread 4-2; L K Guan (Sing) bt H Botsju (Sri Lanka) 4-0; T Dada (Pak) bt Sawant 4-1; Seelim bt A Thomson (Zim) 4-1. Group C: W Pu-Ob-Orm (Thai) bt A Agustsson (Ice) 4-0; H Bakhaty (Egypt) bt L Bux (Pak) 4-0; J Grech (Malta) bt G Kwok (HK) 4-3; D John (Wales) bt K Sirisomo (Sri Lanka) 4-0. Group D: M Bennett (Wales) bt S Pavis (N Ire) 4-3; J Wright (Eng) bt B Bjorkman (Swe) 4-3; A Robidoux (Can) bt D Barron (Zim) 4-0; M Colquitt (I of Man) bt K Fridthjofsson (Ice) 4-2; Bennett bt L Nazarali (Ken) 4-3.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Boston Bruins 2, Minnesota North Stars 1, Buffalo Sabres 5, Calgary Flames 1.

WALES CONFERENCE						
Patrick Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	12	2	0	24	69	37
NY Islanders	7	4	2	16	51	48
Washington	7	6	2	16	60	54
NY Rangers	7	7	0	14	52	47
New Jersey	6	7	1	13	50	53
Pittsburgh	4	8	3	11	50	61
Adams Division						
Boston	10	4	1	21	66	44
Quebec	9	4	1	19	60	48
Buffalo	9	5	1	19	60	43
Hartford	7	7	0	14	53	64
Montreal	6	6	2	14	60	60
CAMPBELL CONFERENCE						
Norris Division						
Minnesota	4	7	3	11	55	66
St Louis	4	6	3	11	43	52
Chicago	4	9	1	9	53	68
Detroit	2	8	4	8	42	73
Toronto	1	11	2	4	42	62
Smythe Division						
Edmonton	11	2	1	23	78	47
Calgary	8	6	1	17	67	57
Vancouver	7	6	2	16	61	62
Winnipeg	6	8	1	13	62	74
Los Angeles	3	11	1	7	51	78

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Redwood Lodge 3, Spark Crook Log 0; Leeds 3, Newcastle (Staffs) 1; OBC Poole 0, Speedwell Rucanor 3.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

UNITED STATES: National League (NFL): Chicago Bears 24, Detroit Lions 3; New York Giants 24, Los Angeles Rams 19; Dallas Cowboys 13, Washington Redskins 7; (OT) Philadelphia Eagles 23, Atlanta Falcons 17; Miami Dolphins 21, New York Jets 17; New England Patriots 34, Indianapolis Colts 15; Buffalo Bills 20, Houston Oilers 0; Pittsburgh Steelers 36, Kansas City Chiefs 28; Cincinnati Bengals 27, Cleveland Browns 10; (OT) San Diego Chargers 40, Los Angeles Raiders 34; Seattle Seahawks 27, New Orleans Saints 3; Green Bay Packers 27, Minnesota Vikings 17; Tampa Bay Buccaneers 16, St Louis Cardinals 0.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
NY Jets	7	3	0	.700	225	156
New England	7	3	0	.700	207	171
Miami	6	4	0	.600	241	211
Indianapolis	3	7	0	.300	187	238
Buffalo	2	8	0	.200	141	216
Central Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	5	5	0	.500	219	181
Cincinnati	5	5	0	.500	267	286
Cleveland	4	6	0	.400	180	159
Houston	4	6	0	.400	182	205
Western Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	6	3	0	.667	219	181
LA Raiders	6	4	0	.600	230	227
Seattle	6	4	0	.600	248	205
San Diego	5	5	0	.500	280	265
Kansas City	3	7	0	.300	199	240
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
NY Giants	7	3	0	.700	227	170
Dallas	7	3	0	.700	220	159
Washington	5	5	0	.500	165	181
Philadelphia	5	5	0	.500	159	182
St Louis	4	6	0	.400	186	232
Central Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	10	0	0	1.00	279	127
Minnesota	5	5	0	.500	200	207
Detroit	5	5	0	.500	173	220
Green Bay	4	6	0	.400	191	233
Tampa Bay	1	9	0	.100	200	272
Western Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
LA Rams	8	2	0	.800	210	151
San Francisco	5	4	0	.556	228	167
New Orleans	3	7	0	.300	175	262
Atlanta	1	9	0	.100	186	307

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RACING: BUMPER RACE FORM SUGGESTS WINTER'S NOVICE IS WORTH SUPPORT

Hasty Gamble to make good impression on hurdling debut

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Whatever else happens this jumping season, Fred Winter deserves a medal for the way he trained Half Free to win the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham last Saturday. Producing a horse to win first time out in difficult circumstances is an achievement anywhere; to do it at that level was the work of a magician.

Now I am hoping that some of that magic will have rubbed off on Hasty Gamble, his runner at Hereford today in the Malden Timber (EBF) Novices' Hurdle (qualifier), who is my nap even though, like Half Free, he has not run this season. Unlike most of his stable companions, Hasty Gamble has not even jumped a hurdle or a fence in public, but my information is that like his elder brother, Hasty Storm, he is quite adept.

The form figures that you will notice before his name in the programme relate to his form for what the Irish refer to as *bumper races* or what we call in a more sedate manner National Hunt Flat races. Taking a long overdue leaf out of the Irish book, these were introduced here a few seasons ago to give the more immature types experience of racing among themselves before being asked to jump.

By winning three of his four last season at Towcester, Worcester and Hereford, Hasty Gamble showed that he was beginning to get the hang of things faster than most and now I take him to beat Golden Rapier, the easy winner of a similiar race at Cheltenham.

After The Grey Gunner, Toby Balding's runner in the Allensmore Novices' Chase had finished third at Wincanton in a similar race behind Arctic Stream Balding said: "When he gets his act together he will be a racehorse one day, you mark my words".

Before the Wincanton race, The Grey Gunner's form figures read as follows: fell, fell, unplaced, fell, unseated rider, unplaced. So that third place on the Somerset course was certainly an improvement and probably the indication of the better things to come envisaged by his trainer.

Certainly, The Grey Gunner will not have to be out of the ordinary today to beat Arapaho Prince, whose "victory" was a walkover at Ascot; Capt Flattery and Giolla Way, who was beaten five lengths in his last race at Carlisle.

With Kamir dropping by the wayside overnight, the Hereford *Hugh Sumner Challenge Bowl* ought to be at the mercy of **Itsgottabealright**, whose stable companion Native Break is seeking his fourth victory on the course this season in the Opella Tap Chase. When seen last at Newbury only seven days ago Native Break gave the unmistakable impression that he had gone off the boil because he finished last of three, beaten 36 lengths.

In the circumstances I am happy to go for **Dawn Fox** instead today. At least my selection was beaten only six lengths at Wincanton recently when he finished fourth behind Cobley Express.

Instead of running Kamir at Hereford, the Hertfordshire trainer, Alan Jarvis is launching an ambitious three-pronged attack on Devon and Exeter from his base near Royston. That assault comprises Kathies Lad (2.15), Hill Of Slane (3.15) and Basket Weave (3.45).

Fred Winter: sends Hasty Gamble to Hereford and The Reject to Devon

As Kathies Lad will be meeting Tom's Little Al, The Reject and Golden Friend, his three principal rivals in the Plymouth Gin Haldon Gold Cup between 10 and 24lb better terms than he would be in a handicap I believe that he can win.

His stable companion, **Hill Of Slane** can also cope with Easter Carnival in the Whitbread West Country Chase after a promising effort behind Henry Kissinger at Stratford (his conqueror was far from disgraced on Saturday's Mackeson Gold Cup). However, Basket Weave may well find **Harbour Bridge** too strong in the Devenish Brewery Handicap Hurdle. My selection shaped with a degree of promise in his first race of the season

Course specialists

DEVON

TRAINERS: F Winter 14 winners from 31 runners, 45.2%; D Elsworth 18 from 54, 33.3%; J Jenkins 20 from 96, 20.8%.

JOCKEYS: H Davies 27 winners from 106 rides, 25.5%; R Linley 17 from 83, 20.5%; B Powell 13 from 74, 17.6%.

HEREFORD

TRAINERS: Mrs W Sykes 10 winners from 43 runners, 23.3%; F Winter 8 from 35, 22.9%; Mrs M Rimell 14 from 70, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody 8 winners from 37 rides, 21.6%; S Morshead 22 from 107, 20.6%; N Coleman 6 from 35, 17.1%.

World record $7m paid for broodmare

Lexington, Kentucky (Agencies) – A world record price of $7m was paid for the four-year-old mare, Miss Oceana, who is in foal to Northern Dancer, at the Fasig-Tipton sale here. The purchaser was Foxfield Farm, which is currently being built by the American financier, Carl Icahn. The previous record for a broodmare was $6m set at Fasig Tipton last year for Priceless Fame.

In a special sale for the complete dispersal of holdings of Newstead Farm Trust, set up by Mr and Mrs Taylor Hardin, 42 mares and foals sold for nearly $37.2m and 21 stallion shares fetched more than $9.8m.

Miss Oceana, by Alydar out of Kittiwake, won 11 of her 19 races as a two and three-year-old, including six grade one stakes races. She accumulated over $1m in prize money. She was trained by Woody Stephens and is in foal for the first time.

Miss Oceana's dam was also sold. Kittiwake, in foal to Alydar again, was bought by Mint Three Stables for $3.8m.

A record $2.5m for a foal was paid by BBA of England for a bay filly by Seattle Slew out of Larida. The mare Larida sold for $4m to Foxfield, a record for a mare not in foal.

A chestnut colt foal by Alydar out of Kittiwake was bought for $950,000 by Allen Paulson, the owner of the Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp winner, Committed.

● Capo Di Monte, the English challenger, ridden by Angel Cordero, stayed on well but could finish no closer than fifth behind Estrapade in the £206,897 Yellow Ribbon Stakes over 10 furlongs at Santa Anita on Sunday night.

Cap Di Monte, who started at a fraction under 6-1, will now be trained by Neil Drysdale in California and is likely to be retired to stud in the spring. So is the other British raider, Zaizafon (Pat Eddery), a never-dangerous eighth, who now joins John Gosden.

Estrapade, who was the 4-5 favourite, moved up on the final turn to lead at the entrance to the straight and ran on to hold the strong challenge of the ex-Irish Alydar's Best (Rafael Meza) by threequarters of a length. Estrapade gave her trainer and jockey, Charlie Whittingham and Willie Shoemaker, their 100th stakes win in partnership at Santa Anita.

The daughter of Vaguely Noble boarded a plane for Kentucky only a few hours after the race and makes her next appearance in the sale ring at Keeneland today.

Gold Cup pair on course for rematch at Kelso

By Phil McLennan

Righthand Man and Earls Brig, second and third behind Forgive 'N' Forget in this year's Cheltenham Gold Cup, are set to meet for their first time since in the Arpal Conquest Chase at Kelso tomorrow.

Earls Brig has already had a run this season when third to Wayward Lad in the Charlie Hall Memorial Chase at Wetherby 10 days ago, but Righthand Man has not run since finishing second to Androma in the Scottish National at Ayr in April.

"Righthand Man is short of work as it's been so firm up here," Monica Dickinson, the eight-year-old's trainer, said yesterday. "But there are so few suitable alternatives for him."

Mrs Dickinson confirmed that her Whitbread Gold Cup winner, By The Way, is a probable for the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury on Saturday week and that Browne's Gazette, an odds-on failure in the Champion Hurdle, will start his season in the *Fighting Fifth Hurdle* at Newcastle this Saturday, a race he won 12 months ago.

Browne's *Gazette* could face tough opposition at Newcastle from Nohalmdun, one of last season's leading juvenile hurdlers, who showed his well-being when landing the odds at Cheltenham on Friday. John Jenkins has Wing And A Prayer and Beat The Retreat left in, with the latter more likely to represent the Epsom stable.

Two definite absentees from the Fighting Fifth are Maqadar and Kesslin. Oliver Sherwood puts Muqadar's unbeaten record over hurdles on the line in the Mecca Bookmakers' Hurdle at Sandown Park on November 30, while Kesslin, runner-up to Harry Hastings in the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival in March, is unlikely to be seen out until next month

Plumpton results

Going: good to firm

1.0 (2m hdle) 1, **RAGAFAN** (C Furlong, 5-1); 2, No Hack (R Rowe, 4-1); 3, Polo Boy (P McDermott, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Quarterback (f), 4 Tamertown Lad (6th), 12 Summerfield Tom, 14 Port Anita (5th), 20 Namoos (4th), 50 Burns Lad, Nelots Boy, Our Daddy, Sir Fred, Haystack. 13 ran. 2l, 5l, 2½l, 1½l, 4l. R Smyth at Epsom. TOTE: £5.80; £1.90, £3.00. DF: £14.70. CSF: £23.89.

1.30 (2m ch) 1, **AUGHRA BOURA** (R Rowe, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Harbour Bazaar (R Balfour, 20-1); 3, Middle-Mark (A Madgwick, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 3 jt-fav Bayham Sir Vardon (4th), 5 Hennessy House (ur), 6 Grannie's Pet (f), 14 Grey Tarquin (5th), 20 Morocco Bound (6th), 50 Poor Son (pu). 9 ran. 5l, ½l, 12l, not recorded, 8l. J Gifford at Findon. TOTE: £3.20; £1.20, £5.80, £1.10. DF: £259.40. CSF: £50.19.

2.0 (2m hdle) 1, **HALL'S PRINCE** (R Goldstein, 14-1); 2, Stampy (B Powell, 16-1); 3, Kalamont (R Rowe, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Trumps, 5 Bettyknowes (5th), 7 French Captain (f), 15-2 Dancer's Emulation (4th), 10 Baton Match (6th), 25 Barrera Lad, 50 Guywood, Turntable. 11 ran. NR: Spikey Bill. 1½l, ½l, 1½l, nk, 2l. D Grissell at Heathfield. TOTE: £7.60; £1.40, £2.90, £2.00. DF: £89.40. CSF: £181.30. TRICAST: £765.91.

2.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, **CHOICE OF CRITICS** (H Davies, 20-1); 2, Wait For Me (S Moore, 11-4); 3, Golden Minstrel (R Rowe, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-4 Celtic Way (pu). 4 ran. 5l, ½l. R Akehurst at Epsom. TOTE: £11.70. DF: £18.30. CSF: £60.57.

3.0 (2m hdle) 1, **SNOWBALL JIM** (Miss C Moore, 10-1); 2, Topori (P Corrigan, 6-1); 3, Around Town (P Croucher, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 jt-fav Shalaal, I Wonder When, 15-2 Can't Swim (6th), 8 Star Revue, 10 Wingingin (4th), 12 Bonfire, 14 Beaming Lass, 33 Inspired (5th). 11 ran. 2l, ½l, 1l, ¾l, nk. A Moore at Brighton. TOTE: £16.40; £3.60, £2.30, £4.10. DF: £54.00. CSF: £69.96. Tricast: £423.10. Bought in for 820 guineas.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, **COURAGEOUS CHARGER** (E Murphy, 16-1); 2, The Italian (B Reilly, 10-11 fav); 3, Nice Business (S Smith Eccles, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Abloom (4th), 7 Eurolink Fireball, 12 Boardmans Venture (5th), 20 Lingfield Lady, 33 Disting, Elephant Boy, Gambart, Jimmy Lorenzo (6th), Prince Friendly (pu), Jeldora, Tante Marie. 14 ran. 4l, 8l, 2l, 2½l, 5l. A Moore at Brighton. TOTE: £14.60; £2.60, £1.10, £2.70. DF: £32.40. CSF: £31.38.

Placepot: £1,180.40.

Carlisle

1.15 (2m 330yd hdle) 1, **SMALL NOBLE** (K Jones, 9-1); 2, The Cider And Bun (Miss F Storey, 6-1); 3, Mr Chris (J J O'Neill, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Silken Turn, 7 Remainder Wyn (4th), 8, Private Label, 10 Cold Spring (pu), 12 Burr Walk (6th), 14 The Rink (pu), 20 Run For Port, Pledgdon Green, 25 Aden Apollo, Ashbender, Playful Paddy, Rinus (5th), Stretchees (pu). 16 ran. NR: Lacidar. 7l, 15, 1½l, 10l, ¾l. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £30.40; £7.40, £2.90, £2.30. DF: £77.70. CSF: £65.62.

1.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, **COEUR VALLIANT** (Mr M Thompson, 11-4); 2, Newstead (D Carroll, 60-1); 3, Border Knight (C Grant, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Sea Splash (4th), 4 Super solo (5th). 5 Ran. ¾l, 3, 8l, nk. V Thompson at Alnwick. TOTE: £2.60; £1.10, £7.50. DF: £17.50. CSF: £42.18.

2.15 (3m ch) 1, **LITTLE FRENCHMAN** (Mr T Reed, 12-1); 2, Solares (P Tuck, 5-4 fav); 3, Polly's Pal (J J O'Neill, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Miss Mayo (4th), 7 Brockhurst Lad (5th), 12 Captain Parkhill, 14 Succeeded (6th), Charles Duke. 8 ran. 1½l, 5l, 20l, 30l. E Robson at Morpeth. Tote: £33.10; £3.90, £1.90, £1.40. DF: £35.40. CSF: £27.98.

2.45 (2m 330yd, hdle) 1, **FROSTY TOUCH** (R Earnshaw, 4-1); 2, Hazel Bank (D Nolan, 8-1); 3, Rovigo (K Jones, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Bullom (5th), 6 Young Knight, 8 Jay Ella Thaw, 10 Mark's Choice, 11 Bordeaux Rouge, 12 Fifty Quid Short (4th), 14 Maracas Bay, 33 Grey Card, Shadanor (pu), Yallakari (6th). 13 ran. Nk, 5l, 10l, 4l, 8l. Mrs E Slack at Appleby. TOTE: £5.50; £2.60, £2.90, £4.30. DF: £25.90. CSF: £41.03.

3.15 (2m ch) 1, **LADY LAWYER** (T G Dun, 3-1); 2, Gowan House (K Jones, 11-2); 3, Maggies Girl (C Grant, 10-11 fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Victory Morn (4th), 12 Paragio (5th), 25 Impaga (pu). 6 ran. 2l, 1l, 20l, 3l. J Brockbank at Carlisle. TOTE: £5.20; £1.50, £2.90. DF: £8.70. CSF: £18.00.

3.45 (2m 330yd hdle) 1, **ABERCATA** (Mrs J Jackson, 7-1); 2, Burndfitch Boy (Miss A Beaumont, 10-1); 3, Dreadnought (Miss C Carden, 20-1); 4, Travel Home (Mr P Dennis, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 jt-fav Teucer, Starshot (6th), 7 Gennaro, Tot (5th), 8 Orbital Manoeuvers, 14 Le Pearl, Richards Bay, Sword Game, 20 Gala Lad, Paperacer (f), 33 Another Generation, Bright Suggestion, Caernarvon Lad. 17 ran. 1l, 4l, 2l, 6l, 10l. Miss J Salkeld at Wigton. TOTE: £6.40; £4.00, £2.10, £3.60, £2.50. DF: £41.20. CSF: £77.02. Tricast: £1,252.10.

Placepot: £571.00.

● The Tote's single winner bonus has now been discontinued. It was won outright by a credit client at Cheltenham last Saturday

British beaten

The ex-English Over The Ocean landed a comfortable victory in the group three Prix Perth at Saint-Cloud yesterday. The son of Super Concorde beat the English filly, Stella Grande, by two lengths with Lester Piggott on the other English challenger, Hajes, unplaced.

Over The Ocean is now trained in France by George Mikhalides. When trained in England by Olivier Douieb, Over The Ocean won the Ladbroke European Free Handicap.

Jean Romanet will resign as director of the Société d'Encouragement (French Jockey Club) on February 1, but will remain at the helm of French racing as honorary general secretary and consultant to the president of the Société.

DEVON & EXETER

Going: good

1.15 ST AUSTELL BREWERY NOVICE HURDLE (4-y-o: £819: 2m 1f) (18 runners)

1	30b213	WASSEM (BF) (Southcase Ltd) J Jenkins 11-10	G McCourt
4	0-	BABY BOY (Mrs J Hicks) T Hallett 11-0	B Wright
5		BARRY SHEENE (Mrs A Ferguson) D Murray-Smith 11-0	Mr T Thomson Jones
6	410-202	BE MY LUCK (D Graham) R Hodges 11-0	Mr P MacEwan
8	300-3	BOLD ACCLAIM (Cherry Tree Stables) R Frost 11-0	J Frost
9	2	BROTHER IN ARMS (C Roach) C Roach 11-0	–
12	004422-	DOUBLETON (A Ford) L Kennard 11-0	B Powell
15	p0-pf	FORDANESS (O Henley) O Henley 11-0	W Elderfield
16	0	GARA ROCK (L Richards) D Barons 11-0	H Davies
20		MARSH KING (Mrs M Hill) P Hobbs 11-0	Philip Hobbs
21		MAURA'S BOY (M Hickey) D Wintle 11-0	A Carroll
25	20-	NEEDWOOD LEADER (G Lucas) J Bradley 11-0	G Davies
29		PUSH CART (Mrs J Alford) J Thorne 11-0	J Hurst 7
31	0030-	REDGRAVE ARTIST (C Redgrave) K Bishop 11-0	P Richards
33	022430-	SHINER'S PAL (H Gillman) Mrs B Waring 11-0	George Knight
34	00-	TELETRADER (J Hoare) R Hodges 11-0	R Linley
	00-	TOM CAXTON (M O'Connor) J King 11-0	P Scudamore
		TOUCHOTHEBLARNEY (D Elsworth) D Elsworth 11-0	C Brown

1984: Kellys Boys 11-10 V McKevitt (11-4 fav) N Gaselee 17 ran.

[illegible] arry Sheene, 3 Wassem, 4 Be My Luck, 6 Brother In Arms, 8 Touchotheblarney, 10 [illegible] n, 12 Needwood Leader, 14 others.

FORM: WASSEM (11-5) 5½l 3rd to Kildimo (11-6) at Bangor (2m 4f hdle, £581, good, Oct 19, 14 ran). BE MY LUCK (11-0) ¾l 2nd to Gardeners Choice (11-0) here (2m 1f hdle, £794, firm, Nov 1, 15 ran). BROTHER IN ARMS (11-1) 5l 2nd to Chazari (11-0) at Newton Abbot (2m 1f hdle, £1,107, good to firm, Oct 15, 9 ran) with GARA ROCK (11-0) 13½l back in 6th. DOUBLETON (11-0) 3l 2nd to Music Wonder (11-3) at Chepstow (2m hdle, £1,008, heavy, Apr 8, 7 ran). NEEDWOOD LEADER unplaced behind Tickle Boo on latest run, previously (11-0) 12l 2nd to Roger Nicholas (11-1) at Taunton (2m hdle, £620, hard, Oct 24, 8 ran).
Selection: DOUBLETON.

Devon selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Barry Sheene. 1.45 Punters Lad. 2.15 Kathies Lad. 2.45 Warrior Uncle. 3.15 Hill Of Slane. 3.45 Harbour Bridge.
Michael Seely's selection: 3.45 SOLID OAK (nap).

1.45 SACCONE & SPEED NOVICE HURDLE (£790: 2m 1f) (18)

1	3/3pf-1	PUNTERS LAD (CD) (N Whitcomb) D Oughton 5-11-10	P Double
2	1	JERPOINT JESSY (A Foster) T Hallett 5-11-5	B Wright
6	0p/	AMBER SAY GO (G Cossey) J Roberts 6-11-0	B de Haan
7	0p/fop-	BAD LOVE (O Henley) O Henley 11-11-0	W Elderfield
8	0p000-	BARNEY (Mrs G Reeve) C Trietline 5-11-0	A Sharpe
9	84443-0	BOARDMAN'S STYLE (D Pitcher) D Pitcher 7-11-0	Mr D Pitcher
10	p0p-	CANDY DAN (D Bloomfield) D Bloomfield 6-11-0	L Bloomfield 4
12	00/	EASTFORM (J Fenlon) J Fenlon 5-11-0	C Smith
13		FAIR EXAMINER (W McKenzie-Coles) W McKenzie-Coles 7-11-0	S Moore
14	/20004-	FLYING OFFICER (A Sheldrake) M Pipe 8-11-0	M Pitman 4
21	0	MAYBROOK (S Pike) S Pike 5-11-0	C Gray
23	000040/	RAJENS AIR (P Terry) Mrs B Waring 8-11-0	George Knight
25	03u0/	SPANISH CAVALIER (C Golding) J Baker 5-11-0	C Brown
26	00-	SUNDAY GANG (F Clegg) D Barons 5-11-0	H Davies
33	p0-	COIN A PHRASE (K May) Miss P Neal 7-10-9	R Hoare
38	0044-	MAYGON (P Olver) Mrs E Kennard 5-10-9	P Richards
42	f000-00	SOLITAIRE (B) (B Hicks) B Hicks 5-10-9	C Evans 7
44	00p/0	TULLA HILLS (M Gallagher) L Kennard 6-10-9	B Powell

1984: Meldon Lady 6-10-5 L Bloomfield (12-1) T Hallett 15 ran.

7-4 Jerpoint Jessy, 9-4 Punters Lad, 9-2 Flying Officer, 11-2 Boardman's Style, 8 Sunday Gang, 10 Maygon, 12 Eastform, 14 others.

FORM: PUNTERS LAD (10-2) beat Karnatak (10-12) 4l here (2m 1f hdle, £410, good, Oct 8, 14 ran). JERPOINT JESSY (10-13) beat Maid Of Steel (11-6) 20l at Newton Abbot (2m 5½f hdle, £1,098, Sep 12, firm, 12 ran). BOARDMANS STYLE unplaced behind Kildimo on latest run; last season (11-6) 13l 3rd to Trouvere (11-0) at Towcester (2m hdle, £757, soft, Apr 8, 15 ran). FLYING OFFICER best effort last year (11-0) 2½l 2nd to Sailors Dance (11-0) here (2m 1f hdle, £552, Dec 7, 18 ran). MAYGON best run last term (10-13) 26l 4th to Rough Stones (10-10) at Wolverhampton (2m hdle, £916, good to soft, Mar 15, 14 ran).
Selection: PUNTERS LAD.

2.15 PLYMOUTH GIN HALDON GOLD CUP (Chase: £5,618: 2m 1f) (8)

2	423211-	KATHIES LAD (J Clayton) A Jarvis 8-11-8	S Smith Eccles
5	0002-12	TOM'S LITTLE AL (CD) (B) (T Staddon) W R Williams 9-11-6	P Scudamore
6	21000-u	ST WILLIAM (W Morecombe) R Hodges 8-11-2	Peter Hobbs
7	4f1-1f	THE REJECT (BF) (T Ludlow) F Winter 8-11-2	B de Haan
9	230u4-0	GOLDEN FRIEND (D Meade) Mrs M Rimell 7-11-0	R Linley
11	0p000-0	PRINCE VIDAR (Miss P Neal) Miss P Neal 6-11-0	R Hoare
12	40ppp-0	THE FLOORLAYER (Beauty Floors Ltd) J Baker 7-11-0	C Brown
15	00-4042	MISS ABWAH (Mrs D Scott) D Scott 8-10-9	Mr L Harvey 7

1984: Fifty Dollars More 9-11-10 R Linley (9-4) F Winter 4 ran.

6-4 Kathies Lad, 2 The Reject, 3 Tom's Little Al, 8 St William, 10 Golden Friend, 33 others.

FORM: KATHIES LAD (11-10) beat Midnight Song (10-0) 2l at Cheltenham (2m h'cap ch, £10,781, good, Mar 12, 19 ran). TOM'S LITTLE AL (11-6) 6l 2nd to Duke of Milan (11-8) at Sandown (2m 4f h'cap ch, £5,028, hard, Nov 2, 4 ran). ST WILLIAM (10-9) fell at 3rd in race won by Admiral's Cup (10-7) at Ascot (2m h'cap ch, £9,170, firm, Oct 30, 4 ran). THE REJECT well last time; previously (11-3) beat Run to Me (10-4) ¾l at Cheltenham (2m 4f h'cap ch, £3,199, good, Oct 9, 15 ran). GOLDEN FRIEND unplaced behind Law Venture at Worcester, last season (10-11) 15l 4th to Kyoto (11-13) at Bangor (2m 4f h'cap ch, £1,725, good, Apr 16, 11 ran).
Selection: KATHIES LAD.

2.45 BASS WEST OF ENGLAND JUVENILE NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (3-y-o: £568: 2m 1f) (12)

2	301	WARRIOR UNCLE (B) (A Pavlo) J Jenkins 10-12	G McCourt
6	00	BUCKHORN WESTON (C Pester) W G Turner 10-7	Tracy Turner 7
7	0p	CHICAGO JIM (D Wickins) S Pattemore 10-7	C Gray
8		ELMCOTE LAD (C Holmes) C Holmes 10-7	–
9	00	FRIENDS FOR EVER (B) (R Moore) J Ffitch-Heyes 10-7	R Goldstein
12	0	SEDGEWELL LAD (D Currie) M Pipe 10-7	M Pitman 4
15		BRUNT BAY (D Gillard) D Gillard 10-2	R Millman
16		CLEO'S GOLD (P Sanders) P Sanders 10-2	George Knight
17		COURT JEWELL (W Mann) G Gracey 10-2	B Powell
18		HONEYCROFT (R Frost) R Frost 10-2	J Frost
20		SAUCY SPRITE (R Norton) A Jarvis 10-2	K Burke 7
21	40434	SEDGEWELL LADY (D Currie) M Usher 10-2	C Mann

1984: Hi High 10-7 A Griffiths (11-8 fav) B Palling 7 ran.

5-4 Warrior Uncle, 7-2 Sedgewell Lady, 5 Saucy Sprite, 6 Honeycroft, 8 Sedgewell Lad, 12 Elmcote Lad, 14 others.

FORM: WARRIOR UNCLE (11-0) beat Charleston George (11-0) short head at Worcester (2m hdle, £818, good to firm, Oct 12, 14 ran) BUCKTON WESTON (10-10) 45l 7th to subsequent winner Saffron Lord (10-10) here (2m 1f hdle, £1,248, good to firm, Nov 1, 14 ran). CHICAGO JIM (10-10) 9th of 12 to Corzeiro (10-10) 3 ¾l 4th to My Dominion (10-12) at Fontwell (2m 2f hdle, £915, firm Oct 22, 11 ran).
Selection: WARRIOR UNCLE.

3.15 WHITBREAD WEST COUNTRY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,752: 3m 1f) (10)

4	03030-2	HILL OF SLANE (D) (Mrs M Jarvis) A Jarvis 9-11-10	T Jarvis
5	000-233	EASTER CARNIVAL (D) (Mrs M Best) K Bishop 9-11-4	P Richards
7	310uf0-	HALATION'S FLAIR (K May) Miss P Neal 10-11-10	R Hoare
8	1p03/2-	PAMPAS MELODY (CD) (Mrs V Hurst) R Frost 9-10-9	J Frost
9	4p0410-	CHEADLE GREEN (G Webber Ltd) T Hallett 8-10-8	L Bloomfield 4
10	221-430	MARCHANT (D) (White Bros Ltd) J Thorne 13-10-5	H Davies
14	44-1003	BARGELLO SON (CD) (Mrs J White) N Kernick 8-10-0	George Knight
15	2003-41	BRIT (D) (T Jarvis) W G M Turner 5-10-0	C Warren 7
17	333p34	PRINCE BUSKINS (F Gorman) F Gorman 10-10-0	D Wonnacott 7
18	pfpeu/	TRUE MEMBER (Mrs S Dunstan) P Dunstan 11-10-0	Mrs R Vickery

1984: Pay Freeze 8-11-8 S May (5-4 fav) S May 6 ran.

2 Hill Of Slane, 5-2 Easter Carnival, 4 Brit, 6 Bargello Son, 8 Marchant, 12 Pampas Melody.

FORM: HILL OF SLANE (11-3) 12l 2nd to Henry Kissinger (11-4) at Stratford (2m 6f ch, £2,582, good, Oct 19, 8 ran). EASTER CARNIVAL (10-10) 4l 3rd to Cobley Express (11-6) at Wincanton (3m 1f ch, £3,824, firm, Oct 31, 5 ran). HALATIONS FLAIR (11-1) best effort last season when 7l 2nd to I Haventalight (11-5) at Sandown (2m 4f nov ch, £3,639, good, Mar 8, 18 ran). MARCHANT (10-5) 2 ½l 3rd to Hazy Day (10-1) at Worcester (3m ch, £1,977, good to firm, Oct 12, 5 ran). BRIT (11-1) beat Lumparita (11-10) 10l at Fontwell (3m 2 ½f sell ch, £1,974, good to firm, Nov 5, 3 ran).
Selection: EASTER CARNIVAL.

3.45 DEVENISH BREWERY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,923: 2m 1f) (15)

1	30-1120	KELLY'S BOY (CD) (Mrs M Peel) N Gaselee 5-11-13	V McKevitt
2	00023-0	FORTOLD (P Davies) P Bailey 7-11-8	S Smith Eccles
3	03p404-	SOLID OAK (CD) (R Cottle) D Barons 7-11-7	H Davies
4	401124-	BLUELIMIT (CD) (B) (D Winfield) D Elsworth 4-11-0	R Arnott 4
8	06001-3	HARBOUR BRIDGE (D) (Mrs A Lacey) I Dudgeon 5-10-10	R Linley
13	f00301	BASKET WEAVE (E Weinstein) A Jarvis 4-10-5	T Jarvis
14	104-020	COME ON GRACIE (CD) (BF) (M Willey) M Pipe 4-10-4	J Lower 7
17	80-1300	GETTING PLENTY (C) (F Gorman) F Gorman 8-10-1	D Wonnacott 7
18	1320pp/	BIDDLESWAY (CD) (Mrs I Millar) W Fisher 10-10-0	P Scudamore
19	030/12-	LUIGI'S GLORY (L Bevan) G Yardley 5-10-0	A Sharpe
21	00-0034	SUNSHINE GAL (CD) (T Parkins) P Bowden 7-10-0	R Dennis 4
22	00/3-	PLACE CONCORDE (D Williams) D Williams 7-10-0	G McCourt
24	0p-0433	WEE WILLIAM (B Hicks) B Hicks 8-10-0	–
25	00f/pp-	BROOKS LAW (CD) (D Bloomfield) D Bloomfield 10-10-0	L Bloomfield 4
26	2/000f-	PEPPERWOOD (B) (D Hebditch) L Kennard 5-10-0	B Powell

1984: County Player 7-11-4 J Bryan (14-1) Mrs S Oliver 17 ran.

3 Kelly's Boy, 7-2 Come On Gracie, 5 Blue Limit, 6 Sunshine Gal, 8 Harbour Bridge, 10 Solid Oak, 12 Fortold, 14 others.

FORM: SOLID OAK (11-4) 12l 4th to Star Charter (11-7) at Plumpton (2m 4f hdle, £1,204, firm, May 3, 10 ran) BLUELIMIT (11-7) 8l to Capa (10-6) at Stratford (2m hdle, £769, firm, May 31, 17 ran). HARBOUR BRIDGE (10-13) 10l 3rd to Beltane The Smith (10-8) at Wincanton (2m hdle, £1,583, firm, Oct 31, 5 ran). SUNSHINE GAL (10-13) 3 ¾l 3rd to Magic Mink (10-12) with COME ON GRACIE (11-2) 14l away 6th (Taunton, 2m 3f hdle, £1,864, firm, Oct 24, 11 ran); earlier SUNSHINE GAL (10-1) 5 ¾l 5th to Zircon's Sun (10-0) with KELLY'S BOY (11-7) 2l away 10th (Cheltenham, 2m 4f hdle, £1,459, good, Oct 10, 16 ran). Previously KELLY'S BOY (11-10) beat Captain Webster (11-7) at Plumpton (2m 4f hdle, £2,121, good to firm, Aug 26, 11 ran)
Selection: SUNSHINE GAL.

● Hywel Davies, master of the mighty Aintree fences with the 50-1 winner, Last Chance, in this year's Grand National, needed all his expertise at Plumpton yesterday before winning on Choice of Critics (20-1). The Epsom-trained gelding hit the eighth fence so hard that Davies was nearly catapulted out of the saddle. However, the Welshman recovered and came with a powerful finish to lead on the run-in and win by five lengths.

"That was hairy. I nearly came off, and thought I'd broken my jaw in the process," Davies said.

HEREFORD

Going: good to firm

1.0 LUGG NOVICE HURDLE (£865: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

6	3030	BOWDENS LANE (T Baker) J Baker 5-11-0	C Evans 7
10		DRUMMSHREAC (Lt-Col J Deacon) G Prest 5-11-0	R Dunwoody
11	300-63	FIFTY BUCKS (E Wheatley) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-0	S Morshead
13	3	FLYING SCOTSMAN (S Reakes) R Hollinshead 5-11-0	J J O'Neill
16	24u004/	HAWORTH PARK (Miss J Seaborn) Miss J Seaborn 6-11-0	A Webb
17	000-0	HIGHWOOD (J Clarke) B McMahon 5-11-0	T Wall
18	4	HILL O'PONDS (P Boggis) D Gandolfo 6-11-0	P Barton
21		KNIGHT'S HEIR (W Ponsonby) F Walwyn 4-11-0	K Mooney
24	21-3340	QUEENS PALACE (C Shone) J Cosgrave 7-11-0	J Suthern
27	232-	STARWIND (J Lipscombe) P Felgate 4-11-0	P Dever
34		TRISKELION (E Price) B McMahon 6-11-0	–
36	0	WILLIE PEEP (D Richards) D Richards 8-11-0	Mr M Richards 7
37	0	BIT OF SPACE (R Preece) G Ham 5-10-9	R Rowe
38	6ff1p-3	GAIN THE DAY (G Marshall) R Blakeney 8-10-9	Judy Blakeney 7
41	0/00	PARISIENNE LARK (J Bourne) M Scudamore 5-10-9	M Williams
42	236023	SPARKLER SUPERB (B) (E Thomas) P Pritchard 8-10-9	D Chinn 7
43	p	STELLA PRIDE (K Carter) K Carter 4-10-9	Mrs L Sheedy
45		TENDER MANX (M McNabb) B Palling 4-10-9	A Griffiths

1984: Cassio Lil 5-10-9 C Seward (8-1) D Burchell 16 ran.

3 Fifty Bucks, 4 Hill O'Ponds, 5 Knights Heir, Starwind, 8 Flying Scotsman, 8 Bowdens Lane, 10 Queens Palace, 12 Sparkler Superb, 14 others.

Hereford selections

By Mandarin

1.0 Knight's Heir. 1.30 Itsgottabealright. 2.0 HASTY GAMBLE (nap). 2.30 Dawn Fox. 3.0 The Grey Gunner. 3.30 Free Choice.

By Michael Seely

1.30 Itsgottabealright. 3.30 Free Choice.

1.30 HEREFORD HUGH SUMNER CHALLENGE BOWL (Handicap chase: £1,917: 2m) (3)

1	3112-13	ITSGOTTABEALRIGHT (D) (BF) Mrs W Sykes 5-12-3	S Morshead
4	44010/2	CHELSEA BAR (D) (D Sprackland) P Bailey 11-10-0	J J O'Neill
6	p-u8012	ENERGISE (D) (R Turvey) C Popham 7-10-0	C Cox 7

1984: Jo Colombo 9-10-12 P Scudamore (7-1) Mrs W Sykes 5 ran.

11-10 Itsgottabealright, 7-4 Chelsea Bar, 7-2 Energise.

2.0 MALDEN TIMBER (EBF) NOVICE HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,332: 2m) (13)

2		ALGADOR (M Castell) M Castell 5-11-0	K Taylor 7
3	P	BENGAL BAY (Mrs A Price) Mrs A Price 4-11-0	Miss L Wallace 7
9	0p-	FLYING LESSON (J Greig) K Bailey 5-11-0	P Croucher
13	1	GOLDEN RAPIER (Southern Racing Ltd) D Barons 4-11-0	P Nicholls
15	1211-	HASTY GAMBLE (L Connell) F Winter 5-11-0	J Duggan
16	5p-	KEYBOARD KING (A Weller) D A Wilson 4-11-0	J J O'Neill
18	0-2	RODMEL (G Davis) R Holder 5-11-0	N Coleman
24		WAITER (F Crawford) M Oliver 5-11-0	R Dunwoody
25	00	AGAIN KATHLEEN (Mrs D Strauss) P Makin 4-10-9	G Charles-Jones
26	20-	ATRABATES (Atrabates Cricket Club) O Sherwood 5-10-9	S Sherwood
27	000-	LIGHT AS DAY (R Blakeney) R Blakeney 4-10-9	Judy Blakeney 7
29	0-	MISTY SUNSET (R Murray) Mrs M Rimell 5-10-9	S Morshead
30	04002-0	QUELLE FARCE (Greentrees Securities) M Pipe 5-10-9	P Leach

1984: Ragged Robin 4-11-5 C Brown (8-13 fav) D Elsworth 14 ran.

5-2 Hasty Gamble, 7-2 Golden Rapier, 5 Atrabates, 6 Again Kathleen, 10 Misty Sunset, Rodmel, 12 Quelle Farce, 14 others.

2.30 OPELLA TAP CHASE (Limited handicap: £1,623: 2m 4f) (7)

3	22p30-p	EMMASON (D) (G Barley) J Spearing 10-11-7	S Sherwood
4	122103	NATIVE BREAK (CD) (BF) Mrs W Sykes 8-11-2	S Morshead
5	11p/434	DAWN FOX (CD) (D Lane) P Duggins 12-10-7	A Webb
6	2p/444-	ARAMOSS (Mrs D Fletcher) N Gaselee 8-10-7	D Browne
7	1-03234	JOAT (D) (J Russell) R Hartop 8-10-7	R Crank
8	p01020	TAKEAFENCE (B) (CD) (Mrs M Henriques) M Henriques 7-10-7	J Suthern
9	21p/p-b	HATTON LAD (B) (Mrs M Titterton) Mrs M Titterton 9-10-7	D Chinn 7

1984: Gaye Chance 9-11-7 S Morshead (1-5) Mrs M Rimell 5 ran.

2 Native Break, 5-2 Emmason, 7-2 Dawn Fox, 6 Joat, 10 Aramoss, 16 Takeafence, 25 Hatton Lady.

3.0 ALLENSMORE NOVICE CHASE (£1,579: 3m 1f) (10)

1	030-241	ARAPAHO PRINCE (Middleriver Trading) J Edwards 6-11-6	P Barton
2	4f03-13	FLEMINGTON (BF) (A Goodman) W Perrin 8-11-6	R Rowe
3	b03-3f2	CAPE FLATTERY (Mrs P Evans) R Hartop 6-10-10	J Barlow
5	04/p004	DICTA DEN (B) (A Penny) I Wardle 8-10-10	P Dever
7	2	GIOLLA WAY (BF) (D Seward) D Gandolfo 6-10-10	M Richards
8	03130-0	KALO ASTRO (C Dodson) G Ham 6-10-10	J Bryan
10	00p0-	PENNY ROYAL (Marchioness of Salisbury) O Sherwood 6-10-10	S Sherwood
11	f00-00	ROWDEN RULER (D Martin) D R Tucker 6-10-10	S McNeill
12	f0-ff3	THE GREY GUNNER (Lady Harris) G Balding 5-10-10	B Reilly
14	00f-300	JIM'S DARLEEN (R Entwistle) P Duggins 5-10-5	A Webb

1984: Only For Love 5-10-10 P Scudamore (9-4 fav) D Nicholson 13 ran.

2 Arapaho Prince, 3 The Grey Gunner, 4 Giolla Way, 5 Cape Flattery, 8 Flemington, 10 Dicta Den, 14 Kalo Astro, 16 others.

3.30 FOWNHOPE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,265: 3m 1f) (14)

4	11-1402	MORICE (B Hartery) M Pipe 7-11-7	P Leach
7	0143p-0	BARDSEY (Ryland Vehicle Group) R Hollinshead 5-10-12	J J O'Neill
10	223412	PLAZA TORO (D Fisher) W G Turner 6-10-9 (7 ex)	Tracy Turner 7
11	330-121	PRINCESS HECATE (CD) (P Davis) P Davis 10-10-5	Miss T Davis 7
13	4110-44	FREE CHOICE (Mrs M Oliver) M Oliver 7-10-4	R Dunwoody
15	up02-10	CANFORD LAD (B) (A Reid) M Salaman 8-10-2	J Suthern
16	032-3p0	LAST OF THE FOXES (CD) (W Twiston Davies) W Twiston Davies 12-10-0	Miss G Armytage 7
17	3040-23	CHALET WALDEGG (A Clapperton) D Gandolfo 5-10-0	M Richards
18	404/0-0	ISANEMOS (A Darlington) D Barons 7-10-0	–
20	2/000-3	TYPESET (D Edwards) J Baker 5-10-0	C Evans 7
22	00000-0	FITZGAYLE (A Darlington) D Barons 7-10-0	R Chapman 4
23	00000-0	BEAU WYNK (B) (CD) (B Key) B Key 12-10-0	Miss D Key 7
24	p-13p30	CONOR'S ROCK (G Hussey) D R Tucker 5-10-0	S McNeill
25	1pf-04	THE MIGHTY BOCO (P Hiatt) P Hiatt 6-10-0	C Mann

1984: Road To Mandalay 7-11-6 H Davies (6-1) D Barons 18 ran.

3 Princess Hecate, 4 Free Choice, 5 Morice, 6 Canford Lad, Plaza Toro, 8 Chalet Waldegg, 10 Typeset, 12 Bardsey, 14 others.

Law Report November 12 1985

Limit of court's sovereignty over banks abroad

McKinnon v Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette Securities Corporation and Others

Before Mr Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment delivered November 5]

The court should not, save in exceptional circumstances, require the production on subpoena and order under the Bankers' Books Evidence Act 1879 of documents outside the jurisdiction concerning business transacted outside it, Mr Justice Hoffmann held in the Chancery Division in discharging a subpoena and order obtained in the proceedings against Citibank NA, a New York bank, with a branch in London, by the plaintiff, Mr McKinnon.

Mr Jonathan Hirst for Citibank; Mr John McDonnell, QC, for the plaintiff.

MR JUSTICE HOFFMANN said that Mr McKinnon had served a subpoena on and obtained an *ex parte* order under the Bankers' Books Evidence Act 1879 against Citibank NA, a New York bank, at its London branch, requiring them to produce books and other papers held at the bank's head office in New York, relating to transactions which took place there on an account maintained by a Bahamian company, International Advisory Services (1979) Ltd (IAS).

The plaintiff alleged that two individual defendants had defrauded him of US$250,000, paid, relying on their representations, into the account of IAS, which had since been struck off the Bahamian companies register.

Mr McDonnell, for Citibank, which was not a party to the action, argued that the bank having applied for and obtained the privileges of recognition by the Bank of England under the Banking Act 1979, had submitted itself to the jurisdiction of the English court and it followed that it could be required to comply with a subpoena in the same way as an English company, unless production of the documents would be unlawful in the place where they were kept. The fact that the documents happened to be kept out of the jurisdiction was no reason for discharging the subpoena.

That argument appeared to confuse personal jurisdiction with jurisdiction as to subject matter. Although liable to be served with process, it did not follow that there was no territorial limit to the matters upon which the court might properly apply its own rules or the things which it could order a person to do.

The subpoena and order required production by a non-party of documents outside the jurisdiction concerning business transacted outside the jurisdiction. In principle and authority the court should not, save in exceptional circumstances, impose such a requirement upon a foreign corporation and in particular upon a foreign bank.

A state should refrain from demanding obedience to its sovereign authority by foreigners in respect of conduct outside the jurisdiction.

It was perhaps ironic that the most frequent insistence upon that principle by her Majesty's Government had been as a result of its violation by the courts and government agencies of the United States, in particular in relation to US anti-trust laws being applied to British companies; see for instance *Rio Tinto Zinc Corporation v Westinghouse Electric Corporation* ([1978] AC 547, 591 to 593) and *X AG v a Bank* ([1983] 2 All ER 464).

The subpoena and order in this case seemed to be an infringement of United States sovereignty. The need to exercise the court's jurisdiction with due regard to the sovereignty of others was particularly important in the case of banks, because banks owed a duty of confidence to their customers and their documents almost invariably concerned not only their own business but that of their customers.

That duty of confidence was sometimes reinforced by criminal sanctions or blocking statutes specifically forbidding the provision of information for foreign legal proceedings; compare section 2 of our Protection of Trading Interests *Act 1980*.

If every country where a bank happened to carry on business asserted a right to require that bank to produce documents relating to accounts kept in any other such country, banks would be in the unhappy position of being forced to submit to whichever sovereign was able to apply the greatest pressure.

His Lordship had stated the principle as a self-imposed limitation, but it was necessary to clarify that by distinguishing certain other cases relied on by Mr McDonnell.

First, his Lordship was not concerned with the enforcement of private rights arising from matters properly subject to the court's jurisdiction, as, for instance, where a foreigner by a contract over which the court had jurisdiction had agreed to perform various acts abroad; see *British South Africa Co v De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd* ([1910] 2 Ch 502); *Acrow Automation Ltd v Rex Chainbelt Inc* ([1971] 1 WLR 1676).

But a subpoena did not involve the enforcement of a private right; it was an exercise of sovereign authority requiring citizens and foreigners within the jurisdiction to assist in the administration of justice.

Second, his Lordship was not concerned with ordinary discovery under Order 24 of the Rules of the Supreme Court: foreign litigants must play according to the local rules: see *South Carolina Insurance Co v Assurantie Maatschappij "De Zeven Provincien" NV* ([1985] 3 WLR 739), and *Société Internationale v Rogers* ((1958) 357 US 197).

The authority most in point, on which Mr Hirst relied was *R v Grossman* ((1981) 73 Cr App R 302), where the Court of Appeal refused to order Barclays Bank to produce documents held by a branch in the Isle of Man.

Mr Hirst pointed out that in two respects the present was an *a fortiori* case, because Barclays was at least an English bank whereas Citibank was foreign, and second, there was no other way in *Grossman* to seek to obtain the documents, whereas in the present case the more orthodox route would be via a letter of request to the courts of New York specifying the documents required to be produced, after an application to the master under Order 39, or alternatively to apply direct to the New York court.

Citibank conceded that there was a strong case for the relevance of the documents and would be happy to produce them under the protection of an order from the New York court whatever method might be used to obtain it.

It was argued that as between states which were party to the Hague Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil and Commercial Matters (1970) or similar bilateral treaties, evidence should ordinarily be obtained only by methods prescribed or permitted in the Convention.

Mr Hirst referred to a recent decision of the New York Federal District Court in *Laker Airways Ltd v Pan American World Airways* ((unreported) March 22, 1985) in which Mr Justice Brieant had quashed a subpoena served on two English banks at their New York offices requiring them to produce documents held in England, relating to transactions which took place in England.

That judgment showed a welcome revival in a US court of sensitivity to foreign sovereign interests, and his Lordship accepted that its reasoning applied equally to this case.

Mr McDonnell sought to distinguish the *Grossman* case, pointing out that the order would have been unlawful by the law of the Isle of Man, whereas there was no suggestion that disclosure would violate any law of New York, and that in *Grossman* the customer was a foreign company not party to the proceedings whereas in this case the Bahamian company, had it still existed, would have been a party to the action.

But his Lordship considered that the *Grossman* case showed that such an order should not be made save in very exceptional circumstances. Notice of orders concerned with documents outside the jurisdiction should ordinarily be made to the bank so as to give the bank full opportunity to investigate the position in the foreign jurisdiction.

It was also argued that the order and subpoena should be equated to discovery against a defendant on the basis that under the rule in *Norwich Pharmacal Co v Customs and Excise Commissioners* ([1974] AC 133) as extended in *Bankers Trust Ltd v Shapira* ([1980] 1 WLR 1274) the plaintiff would be entitled to join Citibank as defendant and demand discovery so as to trace the proceeds of his $250,000.

But it seemed to his Lordship that for the purpose of the jurisdictional rules under consideration those cases were more akin to the subpoena directed to a witness than ordinary discovery.

On the full consideration of the circumstances, his Lordship considered that he should exercise his discretion by following the principle stated in the *Grossman* case, and discharge the order and subpoena.

Solicitors: Coward Chance; Compton Carr.

Refugee status questions are for administrators not judiciary

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Bugdaycay
Same v Same, Ex parte Santis
Same v Same, Ex parte Norman

Before Lord Justice Oliver, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Balcombe

[Judgment delivered November 5]

Parliament had decided that all questions of leave to enter the United Kingdom should be determined by an immigration officer or by the secretary of state as the case might be. The court had no role to play and there was no precedent fact for the court to determine.

The investigation of refugee status and the question whether an individual should be afforded asylum might involve the consideration of foreign policy and the assessment of regimes in foreign countries and other similar matters with which a court of law would be ill equipped to deal.

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, dismissed appeals by Mr Huseyin Bugdaycay and by Mr Michael Nelidow Santis against judgments of Mr Justice Taylor both dated June 28, 1985, whereby the judge dismissed applications of Mr Bugdaycay and Mr Santis for judicial review and orders of *certiorari* to bring before the court and quash decisions of immigration officers that Mr Bugdaycay and Mr Santis were illegal entrants under the Immigration Act 1971 and decisions of the Secretary of State for the Home Department that they had not substantiated claims to asylum in the United Kingdom.

The third appeal was by Mr Daniel Tawiah Norman against an order of Mr Justice Woolf dated January 24, 1984, whereby the judge dismissed Mr Norman's application for judicial review of a chief immigration officer's decision to treat him as an illegal entrant into the United Kingdom. On March 18, 1983, Mr Norman's application for asylum was refused.

All the appeals were heard together.

Mr J. M. Sullivan, QC and Mr A. G. L. Nicol for Mr Bugdaycay; Mr J. M. Sullivan, QC and Mr Alper Riza for Mr Santis and Mr Norman; Mr John Laws for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that Mr Bugdaycay came from Turkey. He arrived in the United Kingdom on August 2, 1983 and told the immigration officer on entry that he wished to study English at a language centre in Manchester. He was given leave to enter the United Kingdom for three months as a student. Restrictions were imposed as to employment. But he remained here after the expiration of the permitted period without making any application for an extension of his stay.

On May 23, 1984, he was arrested at a restaurant in Guildford where he was working. On being interviewed he admitted that he had not told the immigration officer the truth and that he had in fact hoped to settle here from the outset. On the authority of a chief immigration officer it was decided that Mr Bugdaycay should be treated as an illegal entrant.

Mr Bugdaycay stated that he did not wish to return to Turkey as he feared he would be arrested because of his political activities there. An application for asylum was then made on his behalf. After inquiries it was decided in September 1984 that he did not have a valid claim to asylum.

Mr Santis came from Chile. He arrived at Heathrow on August 25, 1983. He told the immigration officer that he wanted to spend 15 days in the United Kingdom on holiday. He was given leave to enter for that period. Eight days later he called at the Home Office building in Croydon where he made an application for asylum.

In a subsequent interview Mr Santis admitted that he had not told the immigration officer the truth because from the outset his intention was to apply for asylum. After consideration, the secretary of state decided on July 3, 1984, to refuse the application for asylum. On July 16 an immigration officer decided that Mr Santis should be treated as an illegal entrant.

Mr Norman came from Ghana. He arrived in the United Kingdom on April 10, 1982. There was an issue before the judge as to precisely what information he gave to the immigration officer on arrival. It was sufficient to say that he told the immigration officer that he had come to look for some machinery for use in connection with his business and that he intended to return to Ghana after a stay of some weeks. He was given leave to enter for one month. But he remained after the expiration of one month though without making any application for any extension of his stay.

On January 4, 1983, Mr Norman was arrested in north London. He admitted that he had not told the truth to the immigration officer at the time of entry but said he wanted to remain in the United Kingdom as a refugee. He made a formal application for asylum on January 11. But after interviews his application was refused. On April 4 a chief immigration officer formally decided that Mr Norman was to be treated as an illegal entrant.

In his Lordship's judgment it was impermissible to allow an intending entrant to seek leave to enter for a particular purpose on the basis of a statement of particular facts and then later, on admitting that the purpose had been misrepresented and the facts had been misstated, to contend that he was not an illegal entrant because if he had told a different story and had put forward a different reason for his visit he might well have been given leave.

The matter in issue in the instant case was the right to refuse asylum. By section 4(1) of the 1971 Act the power to give or refuse leave to enter the United Kingdom was to be exercised by immigration officers and the power to give leave to remain or to vary any leave which had been granted was to be exercised by the secretary of state. There was no basis on which any jurisdiction in the High Court could be found to determine the question whether a person was a refugee or should be granted asylum.

Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Oliver agreed.

Solicitors: Winstanley-Burgess; Treasury Solicitor.

Bankruptcy court has power to fix remuneration of trustee

In re Colgate (a Bankrupt)

Before Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Lloyd and Sir Denys Buckley

[Judgment delivered November 4]

Where the procedure laid down by section 82(1) of the Bankruptcy Act 1914 for the fixing by creditors of a trustee in bankruptcy's remuneration had broken down, a bankruptcy court had power under section 105(1) of the Act, despite the opening limiting words, to fix the trustee's remuneration in order to do complete justice in the case.

The Court of Appeal allowed the appeal of Michael Frederick Ronald Peal, the trustee of the property of Alan Colgate (a bankrupt), against the decision of Mr Registrar Dewhurst on November 12, 1984, whereby he refused the trustee's application for an order fixing his remuneration in the sum of £2,328 plus value-added tax.

The trustee made his application after the failure of his attempts on six separate occasions to convene a creditors' meeting for the purpose of fixing his remuneration pursuant to section 82(1) of the 1914 Act.

Section 82(1) of the 1914 Act provides: "Where the creditors appoint any person to be trustee of a debtor's estate, his remuneration (if any) shall be fixed by an ordinary resolution of the creditors..."

Section 105(1) provides: "Subject to the provisions of this Act, every court having jurisdiction in bankruptcy under this Act, shall have full power to decide all ... questions whatsoever ... which the court may deem it expedient or necessary to decide for the purpose of doing complete justice ..."

Mr Alan Steinfeld for the trustee.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that the registrar, having regard to the opening words of section 105(1), considered that the court's power to fix the trustee's remuneration was excluded by section 82(1).

But section 105(1) contained a wide general power which although subject to the provisions of section 82(1), did not prevent a bankruptcy court from doing complete justice to all concerned where the section 82 procedure had completely broken down, as in the instant case.

Because the sum claimed by the trustee had been assessed in accordance with the provisions of section 82(1), and had been notified to the creditors, and was noticeably lower than the rate of remuneration set by the Official Receiver, the court would fix the remuneration in the sum sought, rather than remit the question of the amount to the registrar.

Lord Justice Lloyd and Sir Denys Buckley delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Booth & Blackwell for Bowerman & Partners, Bicester.

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DEATHS

BARR – On November 8th 1985, at Hamilton House Nursing Home, Buckingham, after an illness borne with great bravery, Jean, aged 74, wife of the late Bruce Barr, daughter of the late Captain William Shaw, MP, and Margaret Shaw, of London and Killie Crankie. Dearly loved mother of Charles, Peter and William. Service at Oxford Crematorium at 12 noon, on Monday November 18th, to be followed in a few weeks time by a Memorial Service at Newcastle County Down. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 28 Belgrave Sq., London SW1.

BEGLEY Eleanor on 6th November peacefully at Deal, Kent. Loved aunt of Douglas, Eric and Ian Robertson. Funeral service takes place at Eddington Cemetery Chapel, Herne Bay, Kent on 15th November at 2 pm followed by burial. No flowers or donations please.

BERESFORD.–On 11th November, 1985, Air Commodore Tristram Barnard Beresford, DSO, DFC and Bar, from cancer, beloved husband of Min. Triangle Ranch, Bellvue, High, Idaho, 83313 USA.

BLUMER – On 9th November 1985, in Salisbury, Lady Mary, aged 79, widow of John Blumer, formerly of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, loving mother of Phoebe, Anthony, Peter, Phillippa and Christopher and beloved grandmother. Funeral at 11am on Thursday 14th November at Cheltenham Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Sue Ryder Home, Leckhampton. Enquiries to H. A. Harold. Telephone Salisbury 21177.

CHIPPER – On October 23rd in his 95th year, Cecil at the Grange, Rennington, and late of Whittingham. Memorial Service with interment of ashes at St Bartholomew's Church, Whittingham on Thursday November 14th at 2pm.

DAVIES.–On November 7, 1985, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, Dorothy Gwendolen Davies, known as Didi. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 13. Flowers may be sent to J. H. Kenyon Ltd, 132 Freston Road, London W10 by 9 a.m.

EDWARDS – On 9th November 1985, at Hill Side, Follifoot Lane, Kirkby Overblow, Harrogate, Mary Helen much loved wife of Dr Gordon Edwards and dear mother of Judith, Marilyn and Margot. Service at All Saints church, Kirkby Overblow on Thursday 14th November at 2.15, followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to Swainsons, Harrogate.

GAMPELL - Sydney S. Gampell former financial editor of Reuters, peacefully on 9th November 1985, in a Brighton nursing home. Funeral private.

GILLESPIE. On November 10th, 1985, peacefully at the Fairmile Marie Curie Home after an illness borne with courage and humour. Joe, much loved husband of Celia, father and grandfather of a loving family. Funeral private.

GRIFFITHS on November 7th 1985 peacefully in hospital David J. A beloved husband of Jean of Gainsborough Lodge Worthing, formerly of Ham Road Shoreham, Sussex. Funeral service at St Marys Church, Shoreham, Thursday November 14th at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to H. D. Tribe Ltd, Worthing 34816. R.I.P.

HALFORD – On November 7th peacefully in hospital after a long illness, Stephanie Halford, daughter of Lola Halford and of the late Stefan Halford & sister of the late Thomas Halford. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium at 1pm on Thursday, November 14th. Flowers to H. G. Brown & Sanders Ltd, 512 Great West Rd, Hounslow TW5 0TE.

HAYES-TURNER – Suddenly at home during the night of 10th-11th November, Fabian, most adored son of the late Mrs Dorothy Wilmer and a very special uncle and great uncle. Formerly of Byways, South Harting. Funeral Service at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, at 10am on Thursday 14th November.

KENNY. – On 6th November, peacefully at St Francis Private Nursing Home, Braintree, Jessie, sister of the late Annie Kenny. Both were famous leaders in the Suffragette movement. R.I.P. Requiem Mass at Franciscan Convent Chapel on Thursday, 14th November, 1985, at 10am, followed by interment in Bocking Cemetery.

LEVETT – On 8th November 1985, peacefully at his home, Old Newtons, Kilmington, Axminster, Sidney J. A. D. (Fred) in his 80th year. Funeral service St Giles church, Kilmington, today Tuesday, Nov 12th at 2.30. Cremation private. No flowers please, but donations if desired, for St Giles church funds, c/o W. G. Potter & Son, Funeral Directors, 1 West Street, Axminster. Tel: 32063.

LOCHRIE, Maud, – On Tuesday November 5th, much loved wife of the late James Lochrie, and mother of the late Patrick Lochrie, and the late Deirdre Hickman, and grandmother of James and Annabel Hickman. Funeral service will be held at St Marys church, East Preston, Sussex, on Thursday November 14th at 2pm.

MASSY – On 10th November, 1985, peacefully after a short illness, Lettice Wodehouse Massy aged 98 years. Dearly loved wife of the late Col. S. D. Massy D.S.O. Mother of the late June, grandmother of Andrew, James and families and aunts of Elizabeth, Ann, Robin and Susan. Funeral Service at Tonbridge Wells Crematorium on Friday 15th November at 3pm. Enquiries to Paul Bysouth Funeral Directors. Tel: Crowborough 5000.

McMORRAN (Helen Isabella). – On 9th November, 1985, at an Edinburgh Nursing Home, eldest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs T. McMorran. A dear sister and aunt, Life Fellow and formerly Librarian of Girton College, Cambridge. Service at Warriston Crematorium, Cloister Chapel, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, 13th November at 11.15am. Enquiries to W. T. Dunbar, 116 Lothian Road, Edinburgh.

MURDOCH, ROBERT HAROLD. On October 31st, peacefully at his home, La Alsieda, Alicante, dearly loved husband of Ruth, father of Alan, and father in law of Rosemary, grandfather of Alyssa, Charles, Julian and Alexander. Funeral took place on November 2nd in Spain.

OSBORNE – On Saturday, November 9th, at Fairhaven Nursing Home, Sykesville, U.S.A. Peggy, beloved wife of the late Doc Osborne and dearly loved mother of Hamish and Kid and devoted grandmother.

PELLY. – On 9th November, Iva, aged 85 years, peacefully in hospital. She will be greatly missed by her many cousins and friends. Cremation private. Thanksgivig service at St Swithun's Church, Quenington, at 3pm on Friday, 15th November. Donations to R.U.K.B.A. if desired.

PLATT. On November 9th, 1985, in hospital at Leamington Spa, Kenneth Harry Platt, CBE, CEng, FIMechE, aged 76 years. Beloved husband to Jan and father to Sally. Funeral service at 3.15pm on Thursday, November 14th at The Mid-Warwickshire Crematorium, Oakley Wood, Leamington Spa.

SLEEMAN. – On 10th November, 1985, very suddenly and peacefully at home, Tristram Augustine, greatly loved husband of Helga and dear brother of Stella Benson. Funeral service at St Andrews Church, Ham Common, on Friday, 15th November, at 2.15pm, followed by cremation at Mortlake. Flowers if desired to T. H. Sanders & Sons Ltd, 1a Upper Ham Road, Ham Common, Surrey, or donations to The British Heart Foundation.

TANNER IRIS JANETTE – Widow of Gordon, peacefully in her sleep after a long illness on 10th November 1985, at 7 Waterhouse Close, Hampstead, London NW3. Cremation at Golders Green on Friday 15th November, at 11.20am. Flowers may be sent to Leverton & Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead.

TANNER. On November 9th 1985, peacefully at Ringwood, John Hollingworth OBE of 5 Manor Court, Ringwood, Hampshire, aged 86 years. Much lved husband of Phyllis and father of Jill and Clare. Funeral service at St Johns Church, Poulner, Ringwood on Friday, November 15th at 2.30 p.m. followed by private cremation. No flowers please by request.

TEMPLE On 8th November in the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Harvey Martin of Cousley Wood, aged 54. Funeral service at Lamberhurst Church on Thursday 14th November at 3.30 pm. Flowers to E. R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Rd, Tunbridge Wells.

WALLACE – On 9th November, Peggy Wallace. Funeral at Nether Worton, Oxfordshire, at 2.30pm on Friday, 15th November. Family and close friends only.

YEATES. On November 10, 1985, at Bath, Marjorie Beatrice, formerly of Henley-on-Thames, and Harrow. Much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Cremation at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath on Monday, November 18 at 11.40am. Flowers to E Hooper & Son, 13 St James Parade, Bath. Tel: 0225 22040.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BOYLE – Paul, who died 25th October '85. Service at St Mary's, Upper Frayle, on 18th November '85 at 11am. All friends welcome.

CROSSLE (Cecil Alexander). – Died 6th November, 1985. Service of Thanksgiving 2.30pm, 15th November, 1985, at St Mary's Parish Church, Henley-On-Thames.

NORTHEDGE. "A meeting in memory of the late Professor F. S. Northedge will be held at The London School of Economics, Houghton Street, WC2 on Wednesday 27 November 1985 at 5pm."

PENTREATH – A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Canon Guy Pentreath will be held at Beaulieu Abbey Church, Hants, on Friday November 22 at 4pm. This service, for reasons of space, is primarily for local friends. A service for all other friends, and his Old Boys, will be held in London later.

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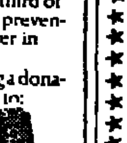

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Dated the 5th day of November 1985.
A. S. ROSENBERG,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2 on Thursday, 14 November 1985 at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.
Dated this 31st day of October 1985
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WILLY HERMANN
Director

COMPANY MEETING NOTICES

ROLINCO

ROLINCO N.V.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
to be held on Friday, 29th November 1985, at the Hilton Hotel, Weena, Rotterdam, at 2.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Opening.
2. To receive and adopt the Report of the Managing Directors for the financial year 1984/1985.
3. To receive and adopt the Annual Accounts for the financial year 1984/1985.
4. To determine the appropriation of the profit.
5. To compose the Board of Supervisory Directors.
   - Mr B. Pruijt will resign having reached retirement age.
   - Mr J. M. Goudswaard will retire by rotation, it will be proposed to re-elect him.
   - Furthermore, it will be proposed to appoint Mr P. A. W. Roef a Supervisory Director.
6. Any other business.

Copies of the full agenda and of the Annual Report for 1984/85 can be obtained from National Westminster Bank PLC, Stock Office Services, 3rd Floor, 20 Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1EJ.

Holders of Share Warrants to Bearer desirous of attending or being represented at the Meeting, should lodge their Share Warrants by hand (postal deliveries will not be accepted for voting purposes) with the National Westminster Bank PLC, Stock Office Services, 3rd Floor, 20 Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1EJ (between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.) in exchange for a receipt, not later than Friday, the 22nd November 1985.

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The receipt for the Share Warrants or Certificate of Deposit will constitute evidence of a shareholder's entitlement to attend and vote at the Meeting and should be presented at the door of the Meeting Hall. If a holder desires to appoint a proxy, who need not be a member of the Company, to attend and vote in his stead, a form of proxy may be obtained from the National Westminster Bank PLC as above and this form of proxy must be presented at the door of the Meeting Hall together with the receipt for the Share Warrants or Certificate of Deposit.

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CINEMAS

ACADEMY 1. 437 2981. Deborah Kerr in **THE ASSAM GARDEN** (U). Progs 2.45 (not Sun) 4.45, 6.45, 9.00.
ACADEMY 2. 437 5129. Italy's outstandingly beautiful **FORGET VENICE** (15). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35. Sun at 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
ACADEMY 3. 437 8819. **THE WANDERER** (Le Grand Meaulnes) (PG). Progs 4.00, 6.10, 8.20.

CAMDEN PLAZA 485 2443 (opp Camden Town Tube) **SUBWAY** (15). Film at 2.15, 4.20, 6.35, 8.55.

CHELSEA CINEMA 351 3742 Kings Road (nearest Tube Sloane Sq) **SUBWAY** (15). Film at 2.15, 4.20, 6.35, 8.55. Lic bar. Seats bookable for 8.55 perf.

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon Street, W1 01-499 3737 Hector Alterio and Susu Pecoraro in **CAMILA** (15) Film at 2.00 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.20 & 8.40

CURZON WEST END, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1. 01-439 4805. Ian McKellen, Janet Suzman, Penelope Keith in **PRIEST OF LOVE** (15). Film at 2.00 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.20, 8.40. UNTIL NOV 30.

EVERYMAN, opp Hampstead Tube. 435 1525. Clouzot's explosive masterpiece, **THE WAGES OF FEAR** (PG) until Wed Nov 20. Daily at 3.20 (not Sun), 5.50, 8.30.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 5252 (Enq): 839 1759 (24 hour Access/Visa Bookings). John Boorman's **THE EMERALD FOREST** (15). Sep progs Daily 2.00, 5.30, 8.30. All progs bookable in advance.

LUMIERE CINEMA 379 3014/836 0691 (nearest Tube Leicester Sq) Paul Schrader's **MISHIMA: A LIFE IN FOUR CHAPTERS** (15). Film at 1.26, 3.45, 6.10, 8.40. Lic bar. Seats bookable for eve perfs.

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ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111) Info 930 4250/4259. **THE BRIDE** (15) Sep progs. Doors open Daily 1.30, 4.30, 7.45. All progs Bookable in advance. Access and Visa phone bookings welcome. Credit Hot Line 839 1929, 24-hour service. £2.00 seats available Monday all perfs.

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SCREEN AT THE ELECTRIC 229 3694. Francis Ford Coppola & George Lucas present a film by Paul Schrader. "**MISHIMA**" (18) 1.40, 3.55, 6.20, 8.55 Fri/Sat 11.15. Dolby Stereo, music by Phillip Glass. Seats bookable in advance.

SCREEN ON BAKER ST. 935 2772 (1) **DIM SUM** (U). 3.00, 5.00, 7.15, 9.15. (2) **ST ELMO'S FIRE** (15) 2.20, 4.35, 6.50, 9.00.

SCREEN ON ISLINGTON GREEN 226 3520 **LETTER TO BREZHNEV** (15) 2.45, 4.45, 6.55, 9.00.

SCREEN ON THE HILL 435 3366. Claude Chabrol's **COP AU VIN** (18) 2.20, 4.25, 6.45, 8.50. French dialogue, English subtitles.

EXHIBITIONS

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ART GALLERIES

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BRITISH MUSEUM/BRITISH LIBRARY. Great Russell St, WC1. BUDDHISM. Mon-Sat 10-5, Suns 2.30-6. Adm free.

BROWSE & DARBY, 19 Cork St, London W1. 734 7984. P W STEER. Loan Exhibition.

COLNAGHI, 14 Old Bond St, W1 (491 7408), and Clarendon Gallery, 8 Vigo St, W1 (439 4557). An Exhibition of The Society Portraits 1850-1939. Until 12 Dec. Mon-Fri 10-5.30.

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GOETHE-INSTITUT, 50 Princes Gate, Exhibition Rd, SW7. Marie Louise von Motesiczky: Paintings 1925-1985. Mon-Thurs 12.00-8.00, Fri 12.00-6.00, Sat 10.00-1.00. Until 14 Dec.

HAHN GALLERY 47 Albemarle St, W1. 493 1630. THE GREAT WAR. Paintings, drawings & watercolours. Until 23 Nov. Mon-Sat 9.30-5.30.

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LUMLEY CAZALET 24 Davies St, W1. 499 5058. Exhibition of late 19 & 20th cent. master prints, also Matisse Drawings, until 15 Nov. Fully Illust. Cat. £2.00.

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MUSEUM OF MANKIND, Burlington Gardens, London W1. Folk Costumes from Finnish Karelia. Until 26 January, Monday-Saturday, 10-5, Sunday 2.30-6. Admission free.

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OSCAR AND PETER Johnson 27 Lowndes St, SW1. 01-235 6464 until 15 Nov. Animal bronzes by Pauline Boumphrey and bird watercolours by Canadian Terence Shortt.

ROYAL ACADEMY, Piccadilly 01 734 9052. German Art in the Twentieth Century. Open daily 10-6 inc. Sun (reduced rate Sun until 1.45 pm). Adm. £3.20, £2 conc rate.

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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear
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BBC 1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.**

6.50 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and travel at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. This morning's programme includes the junior advice line at 7.32 followed by the adult version about an hour later; Glynn Christian with a recipe; and Alan Titchmarsh's gardening advice. The newspapers are reviewed by Roy Hattersley, and the guest is David Warner.

9.20 **Ceefax. 10.30 Play School** (r). **10.50 Ceefax.**

12.30 **News After Noon** with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale includes subtitled news headlines. **12.55** Regional news. The weather details come from John Kettley.

1.00 **Pebble Mill at One.** Gerald Kingsland reports on his Robinson Crusoe adventures on an island off the coast of Australia; and Murray Arbeid, a British fashion designer tries to interest the fashion-conscious ladies of Houston. Plus, the hopeful young sailors who want to crew an ocean youth club ketch. **1.45 Mr Benn.** (r).

2.00 **Birth Right.** *Peter Huntingford examines the maternity services* (r). **2.25 Claire Rayner's Casebook.** Pre-*menstrual tension and post-natal depression are discussed by sufferers* (r). **2.50 Ceefax. 3.52** Regional news.

3.55 **Bertha,** narrated by Roy Kinnear with Sheila Walker. **4.10 SuperTed** finds trouble with cosmic dust. **4.15 Jonny Briggs.** Part two of the serial about a young man living in the North of England.

4.30 **Spy Trap.** A new series of quiz games, presented by Bill Homewood and Bill Pertwee. **4.45 So You Want to be Top.** A new series of the classroom survival course, presented by *Leni Harper and Gary Wilmot.* **5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Grange Hill,** episode seven (r) (Ceefax).

5.35 **Masterteam.** Quiz game.

6.00 **News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.35 **London Plus.**

7.00 **Telly Addicts.** The Pain family from Swindon return for the tenth consecutive time and are challenged by the O'Keefes of Blackpool.

7.30 **EastEnders.** *Kathy tells Pete why she is being blackmailed,* while Mary, eager to pursue her career, looks for a babysitter (Ceefax).

8.00 **Hold the Back Page!** The first of a ten-part comedy series starring David Warner as a Fleet Street sports writer who leaves a Sunday newspaper for a daily tabloid (Ceefax). (see Choice).

8.50 **Points of View.** Barry Took takes another dip into the BBC's postbag.

9.00 ***News with Julia Somerville*** and Andrew Harvey. Weather.

9.25 **Cagney and Lacey.** The two New York policewomen face a wall of silence when a 16-year-old boy is caught stealing spirits and ends up in one of the city's toughest prisons where he is sexually assaulted (Ceefax).

10.15 **Film 85.** Barry Norman reviews, generally, the London Film Festival, and in particular, My Beautiful Launderette, Shady, and Defence of the Realm. The programme also includes a preview of Steven Spielberg's latest, Back to the Future.

10.45 ***Your Mind in Their Hands.*** National Health treatment of mental illness (r).

11.10 **The Sky at Night.** Patrick Moore previews the return of Halley's Comet.

11.40 **Weather.**

TV-am

6.15 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Nick Owen and Anneka Rice. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; *exercises at 6.20; sport* at 6.35 and 7.34; regional report at 7.15; cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.55; ghost story at 8.17; *film reviews* at 8.34; the art of photographing royalty explained by Patrick Lichfield at 9.04.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 **Thames** *news headlines.*

9.30 **For Schools:** Physics: the electromagnetic spectrum. **9.55** Is a home the same as a *house? 10.09 Moving house.* **10.26** Family matters. **10.48** Evidence for the modern theory of evolution. **11.10** The versatility of the human voice. **11.27** The harmful effects of smoking. **11.44** A local history project on an explosion at a *munitions factory* in east London nearly seven decades ago.

12.00 **Flicks.** Christopher Lillicrap with a Letter to Amy. **12.10 Rainbow.** Learning with puppets (r). **12.30 The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family during the Forties.

1.00 **News at One. 1.20 Thames** news with Robin Houston. **1.30 Gems.** A compilation of episodes from the serial shown *earlier in the year about* a fashion design workshop in Covent Garden.

2.30 **Daytime.** Sarah Kennedy chairs another studio discussion on a matter of topical importance. **3.00 Cross Wits.** Crossword game presented by Barry Cryer. The guests are Katie Boyle and Richard Stilgoe. **3.25 Thames** news headlines. **3.30 The Young Doctors.** Medical drama series set in a large Australian city hospital.

4.00 **Flicks.** A repeat of the programme shown at noon. ***4.10 Doris.*** *Cartoon* adventures of a cat. **4.20 Dangermouse.** Animated adventures of a secret agent rodent. ***4.45 Splash.*** Nino Firetto with 50 British children on a four-day trip to Paris.

5.15 **Blockbusters.** General knowledge game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.

5.45 **News** with Michael Nicholson.

6.00 **Thames** news with Andrew Gardner and Tricia Ingrams.

6.25 **Reporting London** presented by Michael Barratt. Bill Wigmore reports on a new breed of young businessmen who command film stars' salaries; and Graham Addicott examines the behind-the-scenes repair work going on in Westminster Abbey.

7.00 **Emmerdale Farm.** The 1000th episode and the villagers congregate for the annual *Harvest Festival service.*

7.30 **Name That Tune.** Fast moving musical quiz presented by Lionel Blair.

8.00 **Des O'Connor Tonight.** The entertainer's guests are Pia Zadora, Norm Crosby, Gian Sammarco, Jeff Stevenson and singer Amii Stewart.

9.00 **Heart of the High Country.** Part one of a new six-episode *drama series* (see Choice).

10.00 **News at Ten.** Weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 **Kennedy.** Episode one of the three-part drama to be shown on consecutive nights. Martin Sheen stars as John F Kennedy in this brilliant mini-series, first shown in November 1983, about the 1000 day presidency of the first United States president to be born in the 20th century. With John Shea as his brother, Robert, and Blair Brown as Jackie.

12.40 **Night Thoughts.**

Jekyll and Hyde trio:
Radio 4, 3.00pm

CHOICE

● Those of us who are in the know, will recognize that **HOLD THE BACK PAGE** (BBC 1, 8.00pm), Andrew Nickolds's and Stan Hey's drama series about Fleet Street, borrows from real life. Take my word for it: there really *are* sports writers who, sipping champagne, can identify the *vintage as the year of Pavarotti's Tristan.* And life – or rather *Mastermind* – has shown that some London cabbies really *do* quote De *Quincey. And many a journalist's* wife (or ex-wife, in tonight's episode) must have greeted her home-coming spouse with the percipient comment: "Your breath smells; you've been working." What I am less sure about is the credibility of the plot of the first episode which asks us to accept that a sports writer, moving from a quality Sunday paper to a down-market tabloid daily, somehow loses his news instincts overboard during the choppy crossing.

● *The most striking feature of* Graham Reid's play **McCABE'S WALL** (BBC 2, 9.00pm) is that despite its setting (Northern *Ireland), its central situation* (Protestant soldier falling in love with Catholic daughter of Republican farmer) and the highly volatile *atmosphere surrounding* the relationship, the drama is worked out along emotional lines, not political. In this connexion, it makes sense that the opening titles are superimposed over a picture of Ulster as an island, detached from *the rest of Ireland and indeed from* the United Kingdom itself.

● **HEART OF THE HIGH COUNTRY** (ITV, 9.00pm), Elizabeth Gowans's serial about the rough handling New Zealand sheep farmers give an immigrant English girl in the *1870s*, is 90 per cent physical. Although, in a letter home, she says that "as long as the birds sing, I'll manage", it is clear that Valerie Gogan's Ceci is going to need more than birdsong to carry her safely through the traumas of the next six weeks. The same goes for the viewer, I suspect. This is handsomely-filmed bunkum.

● Jill Brooke's radio version of ***JEKYLL AND HYDE*** (Radio 4, 3.00pm) plays fair by R.L.S., except for making lawyer Utterson the story-teller (a clever digression), *and making Hyde murder Dr Lanyon* (not so clever). Giving the roles of Jekyll and Hyde to two different actors is a move that sounds better on air than on paper. The transformations are blood-curdlingly recorded.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax**

9.20 **Daytime on Two:** for moderately mentally *handicapped young adults.* **9.35** French conversation. **9.52** Maths: decimals. **10.15** Part seven of the ghost story, Dark *Towers. 10.38 How the small* Wyoming town of Evanston coped with the arrival of the oil and gas drilling businesses. ***11.00 Music from pipes.*** **11.17** Writing without dialects. **11.39** Science: the senses.

12.00 A profile of the French *industrialist Baron de Dietrich.* **12.30** Lesson seven of a German conversation course. **12.55** Learning English by *watching popular television* programmes. **1.20** Spanish conversation. **1.38** Life that can be found in the Scottish *Highlands.* **2.00** Four four-and-five year-olds. **2.15** The development of towns in the Middle Ages. **2.40** Science: structure. ***3.00 Ceefax.***

5.30 **News** summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.35 **Great Experiments.** Professor Heinz Wolff examines the work of William Henry Fox-Talbot, the father of modern photography.

6.00 **Tucker's Luck.** Having an elder brother turns out to be a mixed blessing for Tucker.

6.25 **Open to Question.** Young people from all over Britain have the chance to question Jo-Ag-Quis-Ho, a chief of the *Iroquois Confederacy, and an* Indian activist who refuses to carry a United States passport.

7.00 **Whistle Test** includes Echo and the Bunnymen in rehearsal and an assessment of the impact on the British market of the arrival of the Tower Records chain from the United States.

8.00 **Call My Bluff.** *Frank Muir is* joined by Fern Britton and Robin Bailey; Arthur Marshall teams up with Julia McKenzie *and Chris Serle.*

8.30 **Food and Drink** presented by Chris Kelly, Michael Barry and Jill Goolden. Three teams each try to cook a meal for four in 45 minutes for under one pound a head; Drew Smith reveals the mysteries of monosodium glutamate; and the best buys in English wines are revealed.

9.00 **Ties of Blood: McCabe's Wall,** the first of six plays from Northern Ireland. Corporal Will Pryce, in charge of the *officers' mess kitchen in a* camp in the Derry countryside finds his life entwined with that of Sean McCabe, a farmer of strong *Republican* sympathies, and his family. (see Choice).

10.00 **Arena.** An interview with the celebrated French writer, Jean Genet.

11.00 **Newsnight** includes the presentation of the Turner Prize by Sir Richard Attenborough. **11.50** Weather.

11.55 **The Lords Today.** Christopher *Jones with highlights of the* day's proceedings in the Upper House. Ends at 12.15.

CHANNEL 4

2.35 **Gallery.** Art quiz presented by George Melley. The regular team captains, Frank Whitford *and Maggie Hambling are* joined by Geraldine Norman, sales room correspondent of The Times, and Waldemar Januzczack, *art critic* of The Guardian. The two art students are Francis Covery and Nicola Roberts (r).

3.00 ***Sea War*** *Part five of the* series on the story of the Royal Navy's role in the Allied victory in the Second World *War examines the* contributions of the Fleet Air Arm and the aircraft carrier, Ark Royal.

3.30 ***The World of Animation,*** presented by Richard Evans.

3.45 **Years Ahead.** Magazine programme for the older viewer presented by Robert Dougall. This week's edition includes Paul Lewis of Saga magazine discussing war widows' pensions; dramatized advice on the precautions to take when strangers enquire about antiques in your home; and a review of Age Concern's publication, You and Your Medicine.

4.30 **Countdown.** Yesterday's winner is challenged by Tim O'Kane from Clayton-le-Moors, Lancashire.

5.00 ***Bewitched.*** *Darrin is not very* happy with mother-in-law Endora's insistence on helping him on his advertising *campaign for Madam* Marushka's lipsticks.

5.30 **Make it Pay.** The first in a new series of programmes *illustrating how it is possible to* make money from hobbies. (Oracle).

6.00 **Well Being.** A special programme devoted to diabetes. (r).

7.00 **Channel Four News.**

7.50 **Comment.** Harold Ellatson, a Lancashire county councillor and publisher with his views of a matter of topical importance. *Weather.*

8.0 **Brookside.** Heather is becoming worried about the way Tom is taking control of her life.

8.30 **4 What It's Worth.** John Stoneborough examines a somewhat tardy electrical repair company; Bill Breckon visits the homes of two viewers who have used the programme's energy saving scheme; and David Stafford finds the best buys in cordless telephones.

9.00 ***Film: Born Beautiful*** (1982) starring Erin Gray and Ed Marinaro. A made-for-television drama about a model who discovers she is too old for her job at 28 and who decides to work on the other side of the cameras. Directed by Harvey Hart.

10.45 **Another America: Mur Murs.** A documentary about the Mexican and Hispanic murals that can be seen on the streets of California.

12.10 **Their Lordships' House.** Glyn Mathias with the highlights of the day's proceedings at the House of Lords. Ends at 12.25.

Radio 4

On long wave. † also VHF stereo.
5.55 Shipping. 6.10 Farming Today.
6.25 Prayer for the Day.

6.30 *Today* incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.20 Letters. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 *Yesterday in Parliament.*

9.00 News.

9.05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. The Woman's Hour Red Cross Appeal, for development work in Sudan, chaired by Sandra Chalmers (lines open from 8.00am).

10.00 News; From Our Own *Correspondent. BBC reporters* talk about the countries they work in.

10.30 Morning Story: Paint Me a Picture by Pat Burchard. Reader: June Barrie.

10.45 Daily Service (from St Paul's Church, Birmingham)†

11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Hec by Graham Swannell. With Bill Fraser. A veteran of the Great War looks back.†

11.33 Solomon Grundy. Phil Smith continues *a cradle-to-the-grave* exploration of life in the mill towns of north-east Lancashire by listening to parents talking about their children.

12.00 News: You and Yours. Consumer advice, with Pattie Cowdell.

12.27 Michael Parkinson celebrates his enthusiasms with the help of the BBC Sound Archives (new series). 12.55 Weather; Travel.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes an item on the use of chemotherapy in the treatment of cancer. And episode two of The Journal of Edwin Carp, read by Ian Lavender.

3.00 The Afternoon Play: The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, adapted from Stevenson by Jill Brooke. With Michael Aldridge (Jekyll), James Bryce (Hyde) and Bernard Hepton (Utterson). (see Choice).†

4.00 News.

4.05 You're Tearing Me Apart. Terence Pettigrew examines the character behind the James Dean legend thirty years after Dean's death (r).†

4.30 Kaleidoscope. Natalie Wheen on the Finnish epic, the "Kalevala".

5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 *News; Financial Report.*

6.30 Top of the Form. Durrington High School, Worthing, versus Upton Grammar School, Slough (r).

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 File On 4. Major issues at home and abroad.

8.00 Medicine Now. Geoff Watts on *the health of medical care.*

8.30 The Tuesday Feature: Feet First. Choreographer Gillian Lynne on how we neglect our feet, called by Leonardo da Vinci 'the greatest engineering device in the world'.

9.00 In Touch. Magazine programme for the visually handicapped.

9.30 *The Music of Work. Kevin* Crossley-Holland with more examples of work songs from all over the world (5) Miners and Builders (r).

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine with Paul Allen. Includes comment on the Whitbread awards nominations.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Plain or Ringlets? by R. S. Surtees (2) Reader: John Franklyn-Robbins. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight.

11.15 *The Financial World Tonight.*

11.30 Today in Parliament.

12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Time and Tune 11.20 Time to Move. 11.40 Musicianship. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.05 History: Not so Long Ago. 2.25 Contact. 2.40 Pictures In Your Mind *(stories). 5.50-5.55 PM* (continued). 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting. Lifetime – Coping with Pressure. 12.50 Coping with the Family

Radio 3

6.55 Weather 7.00 News.

7.05 Morning Concert: Biber's Sonata Sancti Polycarpi (Haarlem Trumpet Consort); *Telemann's* Suite in A minor (Concentus Musicus, Vienna); Mozart's Church Sonata in C, K 238 (London Baroque); Puccini's Capriccio sinfonico (Berlin Radio SO) †.

8.00 News.

8.05 Morning Concert: (contd): Debussy's Trois ballades de Francois Villon (Souzay, baritone and Baldwin, piano); Rimsky-Korsakov's *Quintet for piano and* wind (Capricorn); Holst's ballet music: The Perfect Fool (LPO). †

9.00 News.

9.05 *This Week's Composer:* Berlioz. La damnation de Faust, part two (with soloist Riegel, Van Dam and King/Chicago SO and Chorus under Solti). †

10.00 Bliss conducts Bliss: Adam Zero: Three dances (Dance of Spring, Bridal Ceremony, and Dance of Summer) A Colour Symphony (LSO). †

10.40 BBC Singers: with Thea King (clarinet), Antony Sauders (piano). Programme includes Bruckner's Zur Vermahlungsfeier; Traunden un Wachen von Einem. Die traumenden Knaben. †

11.15 Violin and piano Jean-Jacques Kantorow (violin) and Antony Saunders Mozart's Sonata in G, K 379. Ravel's Sonata, and Bartok's Romanian Folk Dances. †

12.10 Midday Concert: BBC Scottish SO (under Starek). With Rudolf Firkusny (piano). Part one Boyle's Variations on theme of Orlando Gibbons; Martinu's Piano Concerto No 1. †1.00 News.

1.05 Concert: part two. Beethoven's Symphony No 6. †

2.00 Guitar Encores: Wolfgang Lendle plays Rodrigo's Elogio de la guitarra, and Scarlatti's Sonatas Kk 208, 54, 146 and No 1. †

2.30 Szell in Cologne West German Radio SO (under Szell) with Robert Casadesus (piano). Blacher's Music for Cleveland, Op 53, and Mozart's Piano Concerto No 27 Brahms's Symphony No 2. †

4.00 Live Tuesday Afternoon: John Shirley-Quirk (baritone) *and* Martin Isepp (piano) Includes Faure's cinq melodies, Op 58; Ravel's Don Quichotte a Dulcinee: Chanson romanesque; *and Five Songs from Brahms's* Op 105 Also Rachmaninov songs including Oh no, I beg you, foresake me not, and On the death of a linnet. †4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: David Cawthra's selection of recorded music †

6.30 Paschal de L'Estocart The Clement Janiquin Ensemble perform a selection of pieces from the Octonaires de la vanité du monde †

7.00 Schumann piano music: Rosemarie Wright plays Arabesque, Op 18, Blumenstuck, Op 19, and Waldscenen, Op 82. †

7.45 The System Builder: Alan Ryan, Fellow of New College, Oxford considers the central themes that have underlined the work of the *philosopher Sir Karl Popper.* Among those taking part are Ernest Lubasz and Anthony O'Hear †

8.30 Geoffrey Burgon: City of London Sinfonia, London Symphony Chorus (under Richard Hickox), with Jennifer Smith (soprano), Martyn Hill (tenor) and David Wilson-Johnson (baritone) First performance of Revelations. †

9.35 More Penge Papers: The further adventures of an unwaged metropolitan husband Written and read by Brian Wright.

10.00 Jazz Today: Charles Fox presents the Steve Franklin Group †

11.00 The Moyse Legacy: Moyse Trio play Teleman's Trio Sonata in E: *Marcel Moyse is the flautist in* Genin's Carnaval de Venise and Debussy's Syrinx, and in Mozart's Concerto in C for flute and harp, K 299 (with Lily Laskine, harp.) †

11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.

Radio 2

News on the hour
Headlines 5.30 am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. Sports Desk 1.05 pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45, (MW), 9.55
4.00 am Colin Berry † 6.00 Ray Moore.† 8.05 Ken Bruce † 10.30 Jimmy Young Plus medical questions answered by Dr Mike Smith 1.05 David Jacobs † 2.00 Gloria Hunniford † 3.30 Music all the Way † 4.00 David Hamilton † 6.00 John Dunn.† 8.00 Hubert Gregg says I Call it Genius (Laurel and Hardy) 9.00 BBC Radio Orchestra The guest artistes include the vocalist Sandra King and Harry Pitch's Rhythm and Reeds†. 9.55 Sports Desk 10.00 Cinema Scrapbook: 1965 Introduced by Chris Kelly Includes extracts from David Lean's Doctor Shivago, The Sound of Music, *and Those Magnificent Men in Their* Flying Machines. 10.30 Brain of Sport. Peter Jones puts questions to Peter Hobson, Philip Kinsella, and Colin Ritchie †. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight from the Belfast Arts Festival 1.00 am Charles Nove presents Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.†

Radio 1

News on the half hour from 6.30 am until 9.30 pm and at 12 midnight.
6.00 am Adrian John 7.30 Mike Read 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30 pm Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) 5.45 Paul Jordan At 6.30, the new Top 40 7.30 Janice Long At 9.00, John Walters and his diary *10.00-12.00 John Peel* † VHF Radios 1 & 2: 4.00 am As Radio 2 10.00 pm As Radio 1 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 7.00 News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 Behind the Universe 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Development 85 8.30 Beethoven and the Violin 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 What's New 10.00 News 10.01 Discovery 10.30 Kipps 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Waveguide 11.25 A Letter From Scotland 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Richard III 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Recording Of The Week 2.00 Outlook 2.45 The Sacred Choir 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Omnibus 4.45 The World Today 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter From Scotland 5.15 Meridian 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 9.15 Concert Hall 10.00 World News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 A Letter From Scotland 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Sing Gospel 11.30 Richard III 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Omnibus 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Report On Religion 1.45 Country Style 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 The Classical Clarinet 2.30 Kipps 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Waveguide 4.40 Book Choice 5.45 The World Today

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BBC 1 **Wales:** 9.20-9.45 Masterteam. 9.45-10.30 Ceefax. 5.35-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 The Chris Stuart Cha Cha Chat Show. 9.25-9.55 Week In Week Out. 9.55-10.45 Cagney and Lacey. 11.40-11.45 News and weather. **Scotland:** 10.20-10.30 Dotaman. 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland. *10.45-11.15 Grimble On Islands* (Raasay). 11.15-11.40 Your Mind In Their Hands. 11.40-12.10am The Sky At Night. 12.10-12.15 News and weather. ***Northern Ireland:*** *5.35-5.40 Today's* Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Masterteam. 7.00-7.30 Channel One. 10.45-11.20 Happy Families. 11.20-11.50 The Sky At Night. 11.50-11.55 News and weather. **England:** 6.35-7.00 Regional news magazines.

S4C Starts 1.00pm Countdown. 1.30 Gymnastics. 2.00 Hwnt ac Yma. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hyn o Fyd. 2.55 Interval. 3.25 Small World. 4.25 Bewitched. 4.55 Hanner awr Fawr. 5.30 Betty White Show. 6.00 Winston Churchill: The Valiant Years. 6.30 Penigamp. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Cefn Gwlad. 8.00 Paul Hogan Show. 8.30 Man About The House. 9.00 Tan *Tro Nesa. 9.45 Y Babi ar ei Brifiant.* 10.25 Well Being. 11.10 Film: Sex Mission. 1.10am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

CHANNEL *As London except:* 12.30pm-1.00 Survival. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.25-4.00 Sons and Daughters 5.15-5.45 Studio One in Concert. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30-7.00 All The Fun. 12.40am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time. *1.20-1.30 News* 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00%7.30 Diff'rent Strokes. 12.40am News, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 3.00-3.30 Questions. 5.15-5.45 Sons and Daughters. *6.00 Coast to* Coast. 6.25 Police 5. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 12.40am Company, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Survival. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. *6.00 Today* South West. 6.30 Televiews. 6.40-7.00 Money Matters. 12.40am Postscript. Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Beverly Hillbillies * 6.00 Good Evening. Ulster 6.00 Good Evening. Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 12.35am News. *Closedown.*

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 *Calendar Lunchtime Live.* 1.20-1.30 Calendar 3.30-4.00 Country Practice. 6.00 Calendar 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 12.40am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 This Is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports 12.40am Closedown

TYNE TEES As London except 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00 Northern Life 6.35-7.00 Crossroads *12.40am Home Sweet Home, Closedown ends*

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 News 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News 12.40am Closedown.

BORDER As London except 1.20pm-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Lookaround 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 12.40am News *Closedown*

SCOTTISH As London except. 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20 News 3.00-4.00 Sons and Daughters 5 15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 News and Scotland Today 6.35 Crossroads 7 00-7.30 Take the High Road 12.40am Late Call Closedown

ANGLIA As London except 12.30pm-1.00 Gardens For All 1.20-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 *About Anglia* 6.35 Crossroads 7.00-7.30 Bygones 12.40am Take for Example Closedown

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00 News 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 12.40am Closedown

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QUEEN'S 01-734 1166, 734 1167, 734 0261, 734 0120, 439 3849, 439 4031, CC 24 hr 240 7200, Grp Sales 930 6123. Red Price Prevs until Nov 18. Eves 8pm. Mats Wed & Sat 3pm. Opens Nov 19, 7pm. MAGGIE SMITH in EDWARD FOX INTERPRETERS A new Play by Ronald Harwood Directed by Peter Yates

PRINCE OF WALES 01-930 8681/2 cc HOTLINE 01-930 0844/5/6. Group Sales 01-930 6123 K Prowse 01-741 9999 Evngs 7 30 Mats Thur & Sat at 3.00. 'One of the best musicals of all time' – The Std THE NATIONAL THEATRE OF GT BRITAIN AWARD WINNING GUYS AND DOLLS Starring LULU NORMAN ROSSINGTON CLARKE PETERS BETSY BRANTLEY DAVID HEALY 'A raucously elegant show' – S Times 'A CLASSIC of its kind' – D Tel 'DYNAMITE' – D Mail "It can only encourage American tourists to clog the capital's transport system demanding directions to Piccadilly Circus" – The Times No Perfs 25 & 26 Dec Extra mat Dec 27 at 3 00 Now Booking into '86

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS 748 3354. Oct 30-Nov 16. 8pm (Tues-Sun) FOCO NOVO in Westbrooks/DH Lawrence THE ASS. Oct 31 7pm

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745 THE GRACE OF MARY TRAVERSE by Timberlake Wertenbaker. Evgs 8pm. Sat Mat 4pm "The finest and wittiest play to be seen in London this year" City Limits

ROYAL COURT UPSTAIRS 730 2554. BASIN by Jacqueline Rudet Eves 7.30pm MUST END SAT

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 HMS PINAFORE, Gilbert & Sullivan Starring Nickolas Grace "The Best Show in Town" Std. Nov 13, 15, 19 21, 7 30pm

SAVOY. Box Office 01-836 8888 Credit Cards 01 379 6219/836 0479 Evgs 7.45, Wed 3.00, Sat 5.00 & 8.30 4th YEAR OF THE AWARD WINNING COMEDY HIT MICHAEL MEDWIN JOSEPHINE TEWSON HUGH PADDICK ROLAND CURRAM PHILIP BIRD GERALDINE HART NOISES OFF MICHAEL FRAYN'S COMEDY IS THE FUNNIEST PLAY I HAVE EVER SEEN IN THE WEST-END" Times Directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE

SHAFTESBURY 379 5399 CC 741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123. Evgs 8.0. Sat 5.30 & 8.30. Wed Mat 3.0. THEATRE OF COMEDY COMPANY Anton Rodgers Michael Williams Moray Watson Wanda Ventham and Kathy Staff TWO INTO ONE Written & Directed by Ray Cooney "Hilarious production" F.T. "Comic acting at its finest" S.Tele. 2ND GREAT YEAR

ST MARTINS. 836 1443. Special CC No 01 379 6433 Eves 8.00 Tues 2 45 Sat 5.00 & 8.00. AGATHA CHRISTIE'S 33rd year of THE MOUSETRAP

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STRATFORD-UPON-AVON Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789) 295623 ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY in AS YOU LIKE IT Sat 1 30 "A magical production" S Tel TROILUS & CRESSIDA Sat 7 30 "Masterful and Triumphant" S Times Now booking for NICHOLAS NICKLEBY Dec 13-Feb 8 Call Box Office or Ticketmaster 01 379 6433 For special meal-theatre deals and hotel stopover ring 0789 67262

THEATRE OF COMEDY COMPANY "The very best of Britain's comic talent" D Mail TWO INTO ONE see Shaftesbury Theatre WIFE BEGINS AT FORTY see Ambassadors Theatre RUN FOR YOU WIFE see Criterion Theatre London's three hit comedies

TRICYCLE 328 8626 Eves 8pm THE GREAT WHITE HOPE by Howard Sackler "Magnificently acted ... thrillingly staged" Tms "Brilliantly directed ... outstanding performance from Hugh Quarshie in the lead" D Tel "Instinctive vitality of popular theatre" Gdn

VAUDEVILLE 01 836 9987 Evgs 8 0 Wed 2.30, Sats 5 30 & 8 30 SEASON EXTENDED TO JAN 4 RICHARD STILGOE & PETER SKELLERN "ARE REVIVING SOPHISTICATED REVUE IN LONDON" Financial Times "the audience was ready to cheer them to the echo and did" Daily Mail WHO PLAYS WINS "IRRESISTIBLE QUICK WITTED AND AMUSING" Standard "SMASHING SONGS" Times Directed by Mike Ockrent. Prices £4 to £10 Free glass of wine with £10 ticket.

VAUDEVILLE 836 5645 836 7969 Credit Cards 01 379 6433 XMAS SEASON DEC 3 JAN 12 Mon-Sat 11 am and 2 pm (No Performance Wednesdays) Special Sunday Performance 3 30 MR MEN MUSICAL Starring the Characters created by Roger Hargreaves

VICTORIA PALACE 01 834 1317 Evening 7 30 Mats Sat only 2 45 MICHAEL CRAWFORD in BARNUM NOTE. NO PERFS THIS WEEK CAST ON HOLIDAY Normal perfs recommence Mon next November 18 NOW BOOKING THROUGH XMAS BOX OFFICE OPEN MON-SAT, 9AM-9PM, AND ON SUNDAYS FOR TEL CC BKGS ONLY 11AM-7PM. CHRISTMAS WEEK SOME GOOD SEATS STILL AVAILABLE DECEMBER 23 & 24

WESTMINSTER 01 834 0283 CC 834 0048 From Nov 19 to Jan 18 THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE by C.S Lewis

WYNDHAM'S S 836 3028 CC 379 6565/379 6433/741 9999 Grps 930 6123/836 3962 Eves 8 0, Wed Mat 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8 15. "A VERY FUNNY SHOW" Obs. SUE TOWNSEND'S THE SECRET DIARY OF ADRIAN MOLE AGED 13¾ Music & Lyrics by KEN HOWARD & ALAN BLAIKLEY

YOUNG VIC 928 6363 Til Sat. INVESTIGATION INTO HAMLET Daytime Workshops From 28 Nov THE CRUCIBLE YOUNG VIC STUDIO 928 6363 Evgs 8 0 Platinum presents BLOOD RELATIONS. Til 7 Dec.

Lodging benefits face third onslaught

By Philip Webster
Political Reporter

The Government last night launched its third attempt to control spending on board and lodging payments to young unemployed people, and announced a new crackdown on fraud by people who are abusing the existing system.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, laid new regulations before Parliament to replace those withdrawn last month after the joint Lords and Commons committee on statutory instruments had cast doubt on their legality.

Those in turn had replaced regulations introduced last April but ruled illegal by the High Court in July. Government spending on the benefits was about £600 million last year.

The government's appeal against the High Court decision will be heard later this month, but Mr Fowler has decided to press ahead in any case.

The regulations, which will require recipients of board and lodging benefit to move every two, four or eight weeks to continue receiving it, will come into force for new claimants as soon as they are passed by both Houses of Parliament.

But in an attempt to overcome the legal difficulties raised, the discretionary power of the Secretary of State to define board and lodging areas and set limits has been removed, and they are instead spelt out in the regulations. For existing boarders on benefit they will not apply till July 28 next year.

Mr Fowler, announcing the move in the Commons during the resumed debate on the Queen's Speech, also disclosed that that more Department of Health and Social Security staff would be employed on bringing cases of fraud and abuse to prosecution.

There was evidence of abuse by both claimants and landlords, he said. An investigation in Euston, north London, had shown that about half of those claiming to be residents in particular hotels were no longer there – 600 out of 1 200

In the dock – leaders who lost Falklands war

The military junta members who led Argentina to defeat in the 1982 Falklands war, Admiral Jorge Anayd (left), General Leopoldo Galtieri and Basilio Lami Dozo, waiting for the final stage of their court martial in Buenos Aires. The prosecution was expected to ask for jail sentences of 10-12 years.

Thatcher predicts growth and renewal

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recourse to violence. This was why it was right to provide the police and courts with whatever means were necessary to protect society against those who would undermine it.

She named those she had in mind: "The traffickers in drugs who seek to spread their poison; the international terrorists; those who foment racial tension in our cities; and those who exploit real or imagined grievances and turn them into violence."

The Prime Minister repeated a theme she has used before, that money alone was no answer to violence, and the rule of the mob. These were not evils, bred of a parsimonious Treasury. Their root lay in a breakdown of natural authority, which started in the home and family.

Some parents opted out of their duty to their children, and some teachers ignored the need to educate pupils in the obligations of citizenship. Some neighbours did not want to know. "It is natural authority which we must now seek to strengthen, and that does not lie in the gift of government."

The Prime Minister said that the coming Geneva summit should not be judged solely in terms of whether Mr Reagan and Mr Gorbachev reached specific agreements to reduce nuclear weapons. That was an important aim, but armaments were not themselves the root cause of international tension.

"There will be no solid foundation on which to build successful arms control agreements if the Soviet Union continues to try to extend its system by force or by subversion.

● Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone the Lord Chancellor, said last night that Britain was falling into moral decay and gave a warning that this could lead to anarchy and then tyranny

Banks launch attempt to resolve tin crisis

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

A group of 35 banks yesterday launched an attempt to resolve the £800 million tin crisis.

The banks say they will pledge continuing support for their creditor metal dealers and the International Tin Council (ITC) if the ITC's 22 member countries also honour their commitments. Britain has already said it would pay its share.

Dealing around the world was thrown into chaos on October 24 when the ITC, which is supposed to support tin prices, said it had run out of money. The ITC alone owes the banks £300 million. Tin trading on the London Metal Exchange (LME) was suspended.

The banks met at the Bank of England yesterday and agreed to put their proposals to the ITC. Tin trading is supposed to resume next Monday, and the banks fear that the price could crash. The ITC is due to meet on Thursday.

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Letter from York

City of history faces the modern invader

The woman from Cincinnati had intended a brief stay in York before heading north to Scotland. Five weeks later she was still here taking lunch with her daughter-in-law in Betty's Tea Rooms near the Minster.

"It's just so beautiful," she enthused in that way peculiar to American tourists. "I guess I won't be getting to Scotland this trip and there's just too much to see that I'll be coming back again next year".

Mrs Mary King, although she didn't realize it, is the epitome of a phenomenon that has been labelled the third invasion of York. After the Romans and the Vikings the modern-day invasion by hordes of tourists has become the main issue in the day-to-day lives of the city's 100,000 residents.

To the visitor, the ancient city of York is an open-air museum, its narrow, quaint streets filled year-round with more accents and languages than a Berlitz school. But to those who live there it is still a place they have to work and get in the weekly shopping with increasing difficulty in clogged streets, car parks bulging at the seams and crowded pavements.

So many visitors now throng the city that life for those who have to live and work there can be a frustrating experience.

In 15 years the number of tourists has trebled. This year it is expected that between 2.5 million and 3 million will enter the city walls. It is York's only growth industry with 7,000 jobs dependent on its success and with more than £42 million a year injected into the local economy. Hardly a family in the city does not have a member whose livelihood depends on the tourists who arrived daily by train, car and coach.

There are new hotels, souvenir shops, restaurant and cafes. In spite of the fire, and some say because of it, York Minster continues to attract about two million visitors a year; a million more head for the National Railway Museum and the Jorvik Viking Centre, where visitors are whisked in "time cars" back to the days of the Vikings, the old city unearthed by archaelogists beneath Coppergate is one of Europe's fastest growing attractions with more than one million tourists in its first year of operation.

And all this happens in the heart of the city in an area not more than a quarter of a square mile. The problem that faces the authorities urgently is how to manage the annual influx so that visitors and residents can live at least in some degree of harmony.

For six years the council's tourist department has tried to spread the annual influx, promoting York only in the off-season. But despite that the numbers have contined to grow and with some of the developments being decried by residents. Not everyone is in favour of the proposed laser discothèque in the heart of the city.

Mr Jim Crichton, York's director of tourism, readily acknowledges the problem. For some people there are already too many tourists, yet there is a realization, even among those most vociferous in their disapproval, that the annual influx of visitors is now a vital part of the city's economy.

To try to ease the plight of the residents and to maintain its high tourist profile, the city council, under its chief executive Mr John Cairns, is about to embark on one of the most intensive management studies of tourism and its effects undertaken in a British city.

Among its targets are ways of relieving traffic and pedestrian congestion. These will involve introducing twentieth century technology on to the ancient streets with viewdata equipment on street corners to direct tourists and the computerized control of traffic.

If it doesn't work there will be problems for tourists and residents alike in the future. Visitors could find themselves turned back on the city approaches and residents may return to a campaign that briefly flourished a few years ago in which they took to wearing lapel badges which declared: "I am not a tourist, I live here".

Peter Davenport

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Emir of the State of Qatar pays a State Visit to the United Kingdom and arrives at Victoria Station, 12.30.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of The Rainer Foundation, visits the Fitzgerald Scheme at Waldram Crescent, London SE23, 3.30.

Princess Anne presents The Design Council's Schools Design Prizes at The Conference of British Industry Headquarters, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford St, London WC1, 3.30.

Exhibitions in progress

Signs of Apartheid. Aberdeen Art Gallery, Schoolhill, **Aberdeen**: Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Thurs 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 5, closed Sat (ends Nov 23).

Expressions of Tranquillity – work by Verna Warren, Jon Middlemiss, Helen Williams, Jane Hamlyn and Sarah Burnett: Yew Tree Gallery, The Square, Ellastone, **Ashbourne**, Derbyshire: Tues to Sun 11 to 5.30, closed Mon.

Watercolours and photographs by David and Andrew Scott-Martin: Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle, Park Ayr: Mon to Sat 11 to 5, closed Sun (ends Nov 30).

By the gains of industry we promote Art – Birmingham Benefactors 1885 to 1935, City Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, **Birmingham**: Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Dec 29).

Paintings and drawings by Adrian Campbell, Niccol Centre, Brewery Court, **Cirencester**: Mon to Fri 10 to 4.30, Sat 10 to 12.30, closed Sun (ends Nov 21).

Sculpture by Andy Goldsworthy; Paintings by Caroline Bagenal; Contemporary Trends in Glass; Wood engravings by Kathleen Lindsley; Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kirkland, **Kendal**, Cumbria: Mon to Fri 10.30 to 5.30, Sat and Sun 2 to 5 (ends Dec 22).

Visions of Albion: photographs by Patrick Sutherland: Norwich School of Art, Gallery, St George Street, **Norwich**: Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun (ends Nov 30).

Pace Setters V: Five Painters: Vivien Blackett, Paul Gough, Freya Purdue, Terry Shave and Laurence Wood; Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, **Peterborough**: Tues to Sat 12 to 5, closed Sun (ends Nov 30).

Paintings, collages and etchings by Grace Gardener and Phillip Woolley; Flamouth Art Gallery, Municipal Offices, **Falmouth**, Cornwall; Mon to Fri 10 to 1 and 2 to 4.30, closed Sat and Sun (ends Nov 22).

The Continuing Tradition – works on a Christian theme by The Brotherhood of Ruralists; Lambrays Auction Galleries, Polmorla Walk, The Platt, Wadebridge, **Cornwall**: Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 9 to 12, closed Sun (ends Nov 23).

William Stukeley, 18th century antiquary: Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society, The Museum, 41 Long Street, Devizes, **Wiltshire**: Tues to Sat 11 to 1 and 2 to 4, closed Sun and Mon (ends Dec 21).

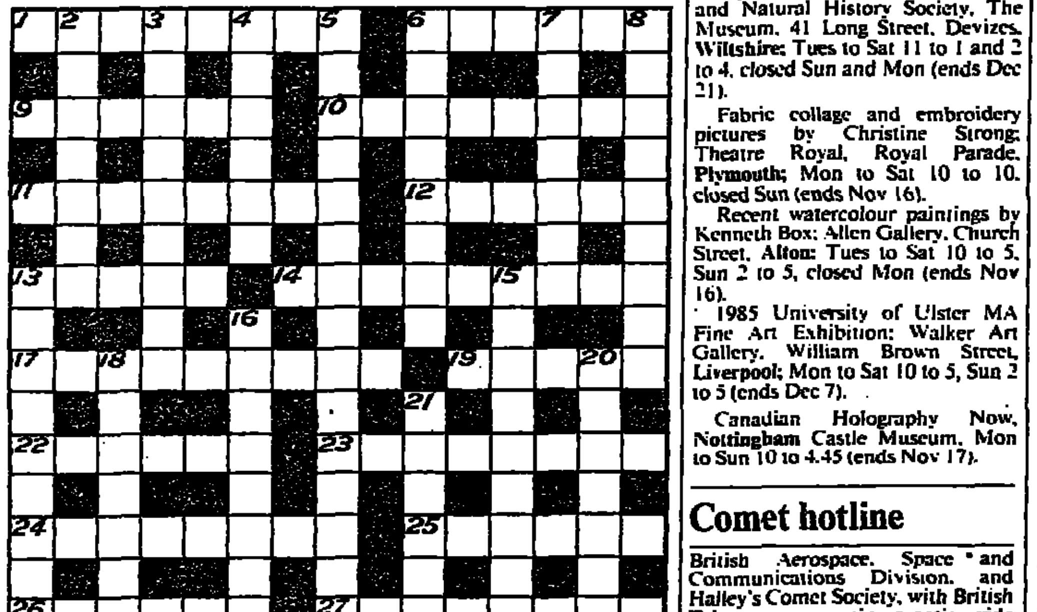
Fabric collage and embroidery pictures by Christine Strong; Theatre Royal, Royal Parade, **Plymouth**; Mon to Sat 10 to 10, closed Sun (ends Nov 16).

Recent watercolour paintings by Kenneth Box: Allen Gallery, Church Street, **Alton**: Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5, closed Mon (ends Nov 16).

1985 University of Ulster MA Fine Art Exhibition: Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, **Liverpool**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Dec 7).

Canadian Holography Now, **Nottingham** Castle Museum, Mon to Sun 10 to 4.45 (ends Nov 17).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,892



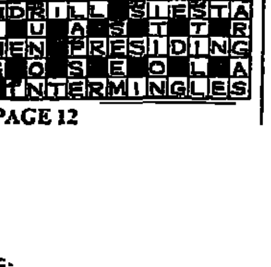
ACROSS

1 Confine and let out about a hundred – magic figure! (8).
6 Bard's lowest part (6).
9 One choosing to work so much abroad (6).
10 National leader of the EEC (8).
11 Note, for a whim, the name of Peacock's Castle (8).
12 Cast, we hear, for top position in the state (6).
13 Hold direction for harbour (5).
14 Important event that marks one's progress by the way (9).
17 Ban one who writes for money? (9).
19 Some of them met an old worker (5).
22 Like the devilish extremity of about 50 witches (6).
23 Edentate 19 ruined a tree (3-5).
24 Metal vessel for eucalyptus (4-4).
25 Say, are you match players? How many? (6).
26 It goes wrong for Meredith's hero (6).
27 I act strangely, become uncommunicative (8).

DOWN

2 I'm getting opera rewritten for the big stores (7).
3 Possible starters include one, Faithless Lady (9).
4 As attractive as some tunes – or trick questions? (6).
5 Not a shocking luxury, it's assumed, for one enjoying retirement (8,7).
6 Exclude three articles of material (8).
7 Bond leads the game – what an artist! (7).
8 Beaten side made to provide this pie-filling? (9).
13 Not a genuine sort of canter (9).
15 Peter first supports young Cratchit as a musician (9).
16 Conduct a bridge partnership in the region (8).
18 Wine of gold taken in Oslo perhaps with duck (7).
20 He makes one cross from time to time (7).
21 Cause of interference when Old Possum's pets hold it up (6).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,891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TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending November 3:

BBC 1

1 Eastenders (Thu/Sun) 18.25m
2 Eastenders (Tue/Sun) 18.05m
3 Last of the Summer Wine 15.70m
4 Bergerac 14.60
5 Allo' Allo 14.55m
6 Just Good Friends 13.45m
7 Howards' Way 12.70m
8 Whicker's World 12.50m
9 Wogan (Fri) 11.80m
10 Blankety Blank 11.70m

ITV

1 Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 18.75m
2 Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 16.35m
3 Full House Thames 15 05m
4 Crossroads (Wed) Central 13.05m
5 Crossroads (Tue) Central 12.55m
6 Emmerdale Farm (Tue) Yorkshire 12.20m
7 Girls on Top Central 12.15m
8 Minder (Ex. Lon.) Thames 12.05m
8= Crossroads (Thu) Central 12.05m
8= The A-Team (Ex. Cs.) ITV 12.05m

BBC 2

1 Tender is the Night (Mon/Thu) 5.50m
2 Alas Smith and Jones 5.20m
3 Tarzan and the Trappers 5.20m
4 To the Manor Born 5.15m
5 Going to Pot 4.35m
6 Grand Prix 4.25m
7 The Pearl of Death 4 15m
8 Food and Drink 4.10m
9 The Natural World
10 Championship Bowling (Sat 21:47) 3.85m

Channel 4

1 Brookside (Mon/Sit) 6.25m
2 Brookside (Tue/Sat) 6.15m
3 Man about the House 4.15m
4 Kentucky Women 3.60m
5 American Football 3.50m
6 Hill Street Blues 3.05m
7 The Sex Mission 2.65m
8 Lou Grant 2.65m
8= French Without Tears 2.60m
9 4 What It's Worth 2.55m
9= Who Dares Wins 2.55m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach – the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time*: Mon to Fri 1.5m (7.4m).
TV-am: *Good Morning Britain*: Mon to Fri 2.3m (11 0): Sat 1.4m, (Sat or Sun (6.4m).

Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.

Comet hotline

British Aerospace, Space and Communications Division, and Halley's Comet Society, with British Telecom, are running a nationwide "Hotline" service of information 24 hours a day, updated weekly, about the comet, which is expected to be easily visible through binoculars by the end of this month.

The numbers are:
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Birmingham 021-355 6144
Glasgow 041-552 6300
Liverpool 051-236 8474
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The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.18	2.06
Austria Sch	27.20	25.80
Belgium Fr	78.35	74.55
Canada $	2.025	1.935
Denmark Kr	13.98	13.28
Finland Mkk	8.29	7.89
France Fr	11.71	11.17
Germany DM	3.85	3.67
Greece Dr	280.00	250.00
Hong Kong $	11.34	10.84
Ireland Pt	1.253	1.193
Italy Lira	2605.00	2475.00
Japan Yen	307.00	289.00
Netherlands Gld	4.33	4.13
Norway Kr	11.50	11.05
Portugal Esc	241.00	229.00
South Africa Rd	4.00	3.55
Spain Pta	238.50	224.50
Sweden Kr	11.62	11.07
Switzerland Fr	3.17	3.01
USA $	1.48	1.41
Yugoslavia Dnr	660.00	520.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 376.5.

London: The *FT* Index closed down 10.5 at 1072 0.

Compensation aid

Only a minority of accident victims recover any compensation, and three-quarters of all victims do not even bother to make a claim.

Hambro Legal Protection has brought out a booklet to help those who do not understand the process of claiming damages.

How to Cope with a Personal Injury Claim is obtainable free by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope, at least 6.5in by 9in to: Hambro Legal Protection Ltd, Hambro House, East Hill, Colchester, Essex CO1 2QN.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

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Anniversaries

Births: **Richard Baxter**, Puritan minister, Rowton, Shropshire, 1615; **John William Strutt, 3rd Baron Rayleigh**, physicist, Nobel laureate 1904, Maldon, Essex, 1842; **Sun Yatsen**, 1st president of the Republic of China, Hsiang-shan, Kwangtung Province, 1866.

Deaths: **Canute II**, King of England 1016-35, of Denmark 1019-35, of Norway 1028-35, Shaftesbury, Dorset, 1035; **Elizabeth Gaskell**, Alton, Hampshire, 1865; **Baroness Orczy**, novelist, author of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, London 1947.

Best ports

In a blind tasting of 16 ports of the 1975 vintage, the following six were judged outstanding:
Taylor's, Deinhard & Co, 01-261 1111, which obtained top marks; **Quinta do Noval**, H & T Walker Ltd, 0732-450717, and branches of Victoria Wine, £12; **Grahams**, Peter Dominic, 0279-26801, or Davisons, 01-681 3222, £12.50 - £15; **Fonseca**, Berry Bros. & Rudd, 01-930 18888, £12; **Ferreira**, Thresher, 0707-328244, £11.99; **Calem**, Wine Growers Association, 01-451 0981, branches of Augustus Barnett or Galleon Wines, under £14.
Source: *Decanter*, Nov 1985.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Chancellor's Autumn Statement. Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech (Industry and employment).

Lords (2.30): Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech (Home and environmental affairs).

Roads

London and South-east: A113 at Chigwell Road, Chigwell: gas main connections near Roading Lane. Traffic reduced to single alternate lane between 9.30 am and 4 pm. **A20** Road width reduced at Sidcup Road, Sidcup. Right turns banned at Frognal junction. **A217** Reigate Road, Hookwood, Surrey. New roundabout under construction near post house hotel, Reigate Road, Hookwood, Surrey. Temporary lights 24 hours a day; State visit of the Emir of the State of Qatar: 40 street closures in Westminster from 11.30 am, waiting restrictions from 8 am.

The Midlands: A5 Single line traffic between Gailey and Pickmere at Stretton (Staffordshire); temporary signals. **M6** Contraflow east of Birmingham between junctions 5 (Castle Bromwich) and 4 (Coleshill). North and southbound entry slips at junctions 4 and 5 closed at various times. **M5** Contraflow on southbound carriageway between junctions 2 (Oldbury) and 3 (Quinton), W Midlands. Junction 2 entry slip road closed southbound.

Wales and the West: M4 Junction 22 (Chepstow) contraflow. Westbound delays, alternative route signposted. **M5** Only one lane southbound between junctions 25 and 26, Taunton to Wellington. Roadworks, including weekends. **A38** Roadworks on Buckfastleigh to Plymouth Road, deep lane overbridge (east of Plympton by pass).

The North: M18 Northbound carriageway closed, contraflow between junctions 6 (Selby) and 7 (M62). **M62** Roadworks and contraflow between junctions 32 (A639 Castleford) and 33 (A1). **A1 (M)** Contraflow on northbound carriageway, repairs to bridge parapets on Don Viaduct, Yorks.

Scotland: A74 Patching at Lesmahogow, southwards for one mile. Northbound carriageway closed; two-way traffic on southbound carriageway. **A84** Single line traffic in three places between Strathyre and end of Loch Lubnaig.

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Weather forecast

A deep depression over the Baltic will drift slowly away E while a strong ridge of high pressure builds over the British Isles.

6am to midnight

London, Central S, Central N England, Midlands: Mainly dry with bright or sunny intervals; wind northwest, light; max temp 8C (46F).

SE, E NE England, E Anglia, Borders: Wintry showers, near east coast, otherwise dry with bright or sunny intervals; wind NW light or moderate, locally fresh; max temp 6C (39F).

Channel Isles, SW, NW, England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Bright or sunny intervals, isolated showers dying out; wind northerly, light; max temp 9C (45F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Bright or sunny intervals and wintry showers; wind northwest, moderate or fresh, decreasing light; max temp 2 to 4C (36 to 39F).

SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyle, N Ireland: Bright or sunny intervals; isolated showers dying out; wind mainly northerly, light; max temp 8C (46F).

Orkney, Shetland: Bright or sunny intervals and wintry showers; wind northerly, fresh, decreasing moderate; max temp 3C (37F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Most places will be dry with some bright or sunny intervals. There will be frost at night, and an increasing risk of fog patches, which may be slow to clear particularly on Thursday.

SEA PASSAGES: **S North Sea:** Wind: NW strong decreasing moderate. Showers. Visibility: good. Sea: rough becoming slight. **Strait of Dover:** Wind: NW fresh decreasing light. Mainly fair. Visibility: good. Sea: moderate becoming smooth. **English Channel (E):** Wind: light or moderate. Mainly fair. Visibility: good. Sea: slight. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind: N moderate becoming light variable. Mainly fair. Visibility: good. Sea: slight becoming smooth.

Sun rises: 7.13 am
Sun sets: 4.16 pm
Moon rises: 6.58 am
Moon sets: 4.3 pm
New Moon: 2.20 pm.

Lighting-up time

London 4.46 pm to 6.45 am
Bristol 4.56 pm to 6.55 am
Edinburgh 4.41 pm to 7.15 am
Manchester 4 47 pm to 7.01 am
Penzance 5.12 pm to 7.02 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	h	5	41	Guernsey	f	9	48
Birmingham	c	4	39	Inverness	f	2	36
Blackpool	f	6	43	Jersey	c	8	46
Bristol	c	7	45	London	s	6	43
Cardiff	f	6	43	Manchester	s	5	41
Edinburgh	c	3	37	Newcastle	f	4	39
Glasgow	c	5	41	Ronaldsway	c	5	41

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 65 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 6.9. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,014.2 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Newquay, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Aviemore, 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Wick, Crosby, 0.38in; highest sunshine: Clacton, 8.4hr.

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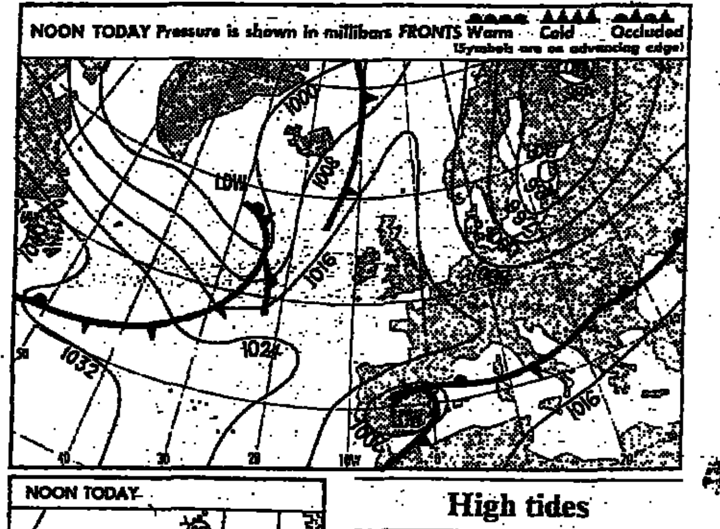
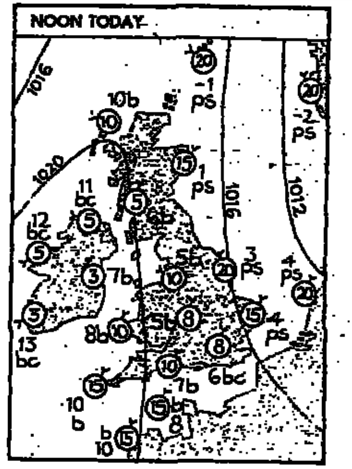
NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)





b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.00	7.2	1.13	7.2
Aberdeen	12.10	4.5	12.45	4.
Avonmouth	6.34	13.6	6.53	13.9
Belfast	10.14	3.5	10.33	3.8
Cardiff	6.19	12.6	6.38	12.8
Devonport	5.06	5.7	5.27	5.9
Dover	10.10	6.9	10.35	6.8
Falmouth	4.36	5.5	4.57	5.7
Glasgow			12.16	4.7
Harwich	11.03	4.0	11.37	4.0
Holyhead	9.31	5.7	9.48	6.0
Hull	5.20	7.7	5.58	7.8
Ilfracombe	5.13	9.4	5.33	9.7
Leith	1.32	5.7	2.01	5.7
Liverpool	10.33	9.7	10.51	9.9
Lowestoft	8.33	2.6	9.18	2.5
Margate	11.01	5.0	11.42	4.9
Milford Haven	5.27	7.2	5.49	7.5
Newquay	4.19	7.3	4.40	7.5
Oban	5.08	4.1	5.17	4.4
Penzance	4.05	5.8	4.24	6.0
Portland	6.31	2.4	6.45	2.5
Portsmouth	10.44	5.0	11.05	4.9
Shoreham	10.24	6.5	10.45	6.4
Southampton	10.09	4.7	10.29	4.6
Swansea	5.34	10.0	5.54	10.2
Tees	2.43	5.7	3.14	5.7
Walton-on-Naze	10.59	4.3	11.30	4.4

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	5.3	.08	5	41	sunny
Bridlington	5.1	.07	5	41	showers pm
Cromer	7.3	–	6	43	sunny
Lowestoft	6.1	–	4	39	sunny
Clacton	8.4	–	5	41	sunny
Margate					
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	7.3	–	7	45	sunny
Hastings	7.5	–	6	43	sunny
Eastbourne	5.5	–	7	45	sunny
Brighton	4.4	–	6	43	bright
Worthing	5.0	–	8	46	bright
Littlehmptn	4.1	–	8	46	bright
Bognor R	4.1	–	8	46	bright
Southsea	3.7	–	8	46	cloudy am
Sandown	5.9	–	8	46	sunny
Shanklin	4.9	–	8	46	sunny pm
Bournemth	6.4	–	8	46	sunny
Poole	5.7	–	8	46	sunny
Swanage	5.9	–	9	48	sunny
Weymouth	5.3	–	10	50	bright
Exmouth	6.1	.01	8	46	sunny
Teignmouth	6.5	.02	9	48	sunny
Torquay	6.2	–	9	48	sunny
Falmouth	6.6	.10	9	48	sunny
Penzance	5.5	.09	10	50	sunny
Jersey	5.3	.01	10	50	hail
Guernsey	5.8	–	10	50	sunny
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	4.2	.14	10	50	showers am
Newquay	–	.05	11	52	showers am

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Ilfracombe	–	.01	8	46	bright
Tenby	5.2	.02	8	46	sunny
Colwyn Bay	1.9	.11	7	45	hail am
Southport	3.4	x	6	43	cloudy
Morecambe	6.2	–	6	43	bright
Douglas	3.6	.21	6	43	bright
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Ctrl)	6.9	–	8	46	sunny
B'ham (Airpt)	3.7	.09	6	43	snow pm
Bristol (Ctrl)	5.7	–	8	46	sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	3.2	.01	7	45	bright
Anglesey	2.0	.14	8	46	showers
B'pool (Airpt)	4.8	–	7	45	bright
Manchester	5.9	–	6	43	sunny am
Nottingham	7.3	–	5	41	sunny
N'ctl-n-Tyne	7.0	–	5	41	sunny
Carlisle	0.9	–	4	39	cloudy
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	2.1	–	2	36	snow am
Prestwick	4.6	–	6	43	bright
Glasgow	0.9	–	5	41	hail
Tiree	2.9	–	7	45	bright
Stornoway	0.9	.05	5	41	showers
Lerwick	3.6	.10	2	35	snow
Wick	3.5	.37	3	37	hail
Kinloss	1.5	.04	4	39	sleet
Aberdeen	3.9	.13	3	37	snow
St. Andrews					
Edinburgh	2.3	–	4	39	snow am
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	3.2	.09	6	43	hail

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; sl, sleet;

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	21	70	Cologne	f	5	41	Majorca	f	20	68	Rome	c	21	70
Akrotiri	c	21	70	Copenhgn	f	6	43	Malaga	f	21	70	Salzburg	c	3	37
Alexandria	c	21	70	Corfu	f	20	68	Malta	s	23	73	Sao Paulo*	s	30	86
Algiers	s	27	81	Dublin	s	6	43	Melbourne	c	16	61	S Francisco	s	17	63
Amsterdam	r	2	36	Dubrovnik	f	20	68	Mexico C*	s	22	72	Santiago*	s	22	72
Athens	s	19	66	Faro	f	21	70	Miami*	s	29	84	Seoul	sn	1	34
Bahrain	s	31	88	Florence	f	22	72	Milan	s	14	57	Singapore	f	29	84
Barbados*	f	29	84	Frankfurt	f	4	39	Montreal*	sn	0	32	Stockholm	sn	0	32
Barcelona	f	16	61	Funchal	r	19	66	Moscow	r	4	39	Strasbourg	f	6	43
Beirut				Geneva	s	7	45	Munich	s	3	37	Sydney	f	22	72
Belgrade	c	6	43	Gibraltar	f	21	70	Nairobi	f	20	68	Tangier	f	27	81
Berlin	r	3	37	Helsinki	f	4	39	Naples	s	23	73	Tel Aviv	f	19	66
Bermuda*	s	25	77	Hong Kong	c	25	77	New Delhi	s	25	77	Tenerife	c	25	77
Biarritz	c	9	48	Innsbruck	f	6	43	New York*	s	21	70	Tokyo	s	18	64
Boulogne	f	6	43	Istanbul	s	14	57	Nice	s	19	66	Toronto*	sn	1	34
Bordeaux	s	8	46	Jiddah	f	30	86	Oslo	sl	5	41	Tunis	s	26	79
Brussels	s	6	43	Jo'burg*	f	19	66	Paris	c	6	43	Valencia	f	19	66
Budapest	c	5	41	Karachi	s	30	86	Peking*	s	8	46	Vancouver*	s	5	41
Buen Aires*	c	23	73	Las Palmas	f	25	77	Perth	s	26	79	Venice	c	11	52
Cairo	c	22	72	Lisbon	f	15	59	Prague	s	3	37	Vienna	s	6	43
Cape Tn	s	25	77	Locarno	s	15	59	Reykjavik	c	3	37	Warsaw	c	4	39
C'blanca	f	26	79	L Angeles*	c	15	59	Rhodes	s	22	72	Washington*	s	22	72
Chicago*	c	3	37	Luxembg	sn	1	34	Riyadh	s	32	90	Wellington*	s	14	57
Ch'church*	f	17	63	Madrid	f	16	61	Rio de Jan	s	27	81	Zurich	s	4	39

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available